

Knitting

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Sweet pea

Put your knitting skills to the test with this gorgeous set. Val Pierce's frilly cardi with pretty ribbon ties and matching flower hat are just right for little girls

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About the years

55% nylon, 45% acrylic 50g/165m Machine washable at 40°C £3.62 from Sirdar stockists www.sirdar.co.uk

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Now will need

3x50g balls Sudar Snuggly Kisses DK in Princess Pink shade 758 1m (1yd) narrow pink satin ribbon S small pink heart buttons

S small pink heart buttons
3,25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm
(UK 9/US 5) knitting needles
3.5mm (UK 9/US 4) crochet hook

Size

To fit newborn-3 month old baby: chest size 46cm (18in), length 26cm (10in), sleeve length 5cm (2in)

Tension

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over reversed stocking stitch, on 3.75mm needles

Nati

The large number of stitches that are cast on will be decreased over the 12-row border pattern

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89

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CARDI

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 159 sts. Work

border pattern as follows: Row 1: (R5): P3, *k9, p3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 2: K3, "p9, k3", rep from " to " to end. Row 3: P3, "ybk, sl1, k1, psso, k5, k2tog, p3", rep

from to to end.

Row 4: K3, *p7, k3*, rep from to to end.

Row 5: P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, psso, k3, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end. Row 6: K3. *p5. k3*. rep from * to * to end.

Row 7: P3, *ybk, s11, k1, psso, k1, k2tog, p3* rep from * to * to end.

Row 8: K3, "p3, k3", rep from " to " to end. Row 9: P3, "ybk, s11, k2tog, psso, p3", rep from " to " to end (55 sts)

Row 10: K3, *p1, k3*, rep from * to * to end. Row 11: P3, *k1, p3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 12: As row 10. Now work in reversed st st as follows: Row 1: (RS) Puril

Row 2: Knit.
Continue in reversed st st until work measures

15cm (6in), ending on a knit row.

Shape ragians
Cast off 2 at beginning of the next 2 rows

(51 sts). Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, purl to last 3 sts, k2too, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows until 19 sts remain, ending

LEFT FRONT

**Using 3.75mm needles cast on 75 sts. Work border pattern as follows:

Row 1: (R5) P3, "k9, p3", rep from " to " to end. Row 2: K3, "p9, k3", rep from " to " to end. Row 3: P3, "ybk, s11, k1, psso, k5, k2tog, p3", rep

from * to * to end. **Row 4:** K3, *p7, k3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 5: P3, *ybk, s11, k1, pssa, k3, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end. Row 6: K3, *p5, k3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 7: P3, *ybk, sl1, k1, psso, k1, k2tog, p3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 8: K3, *p3, k3*, rep from * to * to end. Row 9: P3, *ybk, sl1, k2tog, psso, p3*, rep from * to * to end. 27 sts.

Row 10: K3, *p1, k3*, rep from * to * to end. Row 11: P3, *k1, p3*, rep from * to * to end.

Row 12: As row 10. (27 sts).

Continue in reversed st st until front measures same as back to beg of ragian shaping, ending on a W5 row.**

Shape ragians Cast off 2 st at beg of next row (25 sts). Knit 1 row.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, purl to end. Next row: Knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Rep last 2 rows until 16 sts remain, ending on R5 row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row: Cast off 4 sts, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
Continue to dec 1 st at ragian edge as before
and at the same time dec 1 st at neck edge on
the next and 2 following alt rows (6 sts).
Dec 1 st at ragian edge only on every following
alt row until 2 sts remain, ending on a WS row.
Next row: 51, k1, psss, and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as left front from ** to ** BUT end on a

Shape ragian Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row (25 sts).

Next row: Purl to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Next row: K1, p1, knit to end.
Now continue as for left front but reversing neck shapings and working k2tog in place of d1, k1, pssc.

SLEEVES

Make two alike. Using 3.75mm needles cast on 42 sts. Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Work 4 rows in reversed st st.

Next row: K2, *yfwd, k2tog, k1*, rep from * to *
to last st k1

Work 5 rows in reversed st st, ending on a

Shape raglans

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows (38 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, purl to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Next row: K1, p1, knit to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain, ending on a W5 row. Leave sts on a stitch holder. Join rapian seams on front, sleeves and back.

RIGHT FRONT BAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 64 sts evenly along right front, working from base to neck and beginning just above the border pattern. Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Buttonhole row: Knit 4, (yfwd, k2tog, k14) 3 times, yfwd, k2tog, k10.

Work 2 rows in garter stitch. Cast off firmly.

LEFT FRONT BAND

Work as Right Front Band but commence at neck edge when picking up the stitches, and omit the buttonholes.

NECKRAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm needles, pick up. and knit 5 sts along top of right front band. 10 sts up side of neck, knit 6 sts from right sleeve. 19 sts from back 6 sts from left sleeve. pick up and knit 10 sts down other side of neck and then 5 sts from left front band (61 sts). Work 3 rows in garter stitch. Next row: K3 vfwd k2tog knit to end

Work 4 more rows in garter stitch. Cast off firmly.

HAT

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 84 sts. Work 6 rows in parter stitch Work 26 rows in reversed st st. Now proceed to shape the ton as follows: Row 1: K3, (k2tog, k4) 13 times, k2tog, k1 (70 ets) Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2, (k2tog, k3) 13 times, k2tog, k1 (56 sts) Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, (k2tog, k2) 13 times, k2tog, k1 142 etc)

Row 6: Purl Row 7: (K2tog. k1) 14 times (28 sts). Row 8: Purl

Row 9: (K2toa) 14 times (14 sts). Break yarn and run through remaining sts. draw up tight and secure.

CROCHET ELOWERS

Make two of each size. Large flowers

**Using 3.5mm crochet hook make 6 ch, join with a sist into a circle

Next round: (6ch. 1dc into circle) 6 times (6 petals).**

Next round: SI st into first 6 ch sp. 3ch, 3tr into same 6 ch sp. sl st into next dc. (4tr into 6 ch sp. sl st (nto next dc) 5 times. Fasten off

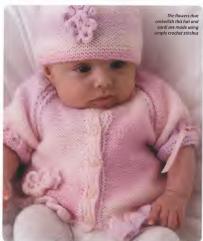
Small flowers

Work as for large flower from ** to **. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Work in any ends on all pieces of knitting. Sew the side and sleeve seams on the cardigan, Sew 2 flowers, 1 large and 1 small onto front of cardigan, as shown in photograph. Sew on buttons to correspond with the buttonholes. Cut the ribbon into two equal lengths, thread through the holes on the sleeves, and tie in a

neat bow. Sew up the back seam on the hat, Fold the hat in half with the seam at the centre back. Attach flowers, 1 large and 1 small to one side of the hat, to finish.





Try using ribbon and a different colour yarn for the crochet flower

More ideas ...

For more beautiful knits in the softest of yarns, see Cutest Ever Baby Knits by Val Pierce, Love Knitting readers pay just £7.49 (rrp £9.99), with free UK p&p - visit www.newhollandpublishers.com or call 01206 255800 and quote 'Love Knitting Baby'. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Peter Penguin

Baby will want to take Peter everywhere, including the bath! Bring him to life using Laura Long's adorable design

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You'll find the penguin easier to stuff if you sew in all the ends first. Insert small amounts of stuffing at a time, to pure a better shape.





1x50g ball 100% wool DK in black (A) 1x50n ball 100% wool DK in white (B) Small amount of varn in vellow (C) 4mm (UK 8/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles

3.25mm (UK 9/U5 E4) crochet hook

18cm (7in) tall

22 sts and 30 mws to 10cm (4in) square over reversed stocking stitch, using 3.75mm needles

Peter is knitted from the head down

For standard abbreviations see name 89

'Kfb' is an abbreviation used in this pattern, which stands for Knit Front and Back. It's sometimes referred to as a Bar Increase and k1f&b (knit 1 front & back). To work, knit a stitch. Leaving the stitch on the left needle, knit into the back loop of this stitch.



DETER DENGLIN

HEAD AND BODY

Cast on 9 sts using yam A and 4mm needles. Row 1: (kfb. k1) 4 times, k1.

Row 2-P

Row 3: (kfb, k1, kfb) 4 times, k1, Row 4: P.

Row 5: (kfb k3 kfb) 4 times k1

Pow 6: P Row 7: (kfb, k5, kfb) 4 times, k1,

Row 8: P

Row 9: (kfb, k7, kfb) 4 times, k1, 45 sts.

Pour 10: D

Rea colour changes

Row 11: (A) k16. (B) k13. (A) k16.

Row 12: (A) p15. (B) p15. (A) p15. Row 13: (A) k14, (B) k17, (A) k14. Pow 14: (A) p13 Rp19 Ap13

Row 15: (Ak12.Bk21.Ak12. Row 16: An11 Rn23 An11.

Row 17: Ak11. Bk23. Ak11. Row 18: A p12. B p21. A p12. Row 19: Ak13, Bk19, Ak13.

Row 20: A p14, B p17, A p14. Row 21: Ak15. Bk15. Ak15.

Row 22: Ap16, Bp13, Ap16. Row 23: A k.

Row 24: P Row 25: (k2tog, k7, k2tog) 4 times, k1.

Row 26: P. Row 27: (k2tog, k5, k2tog) 4 times, k1, 29 sts.

Row 28: P Row 29: (kfb, k1) rep to last st, kfb, 44 sts.

Row 30: P. Row 31: A k18 B k8 A k1B Row 32: Ap17, Bp10, Ap17.

Row 33: Ak16, Bk12, Ak16. Row 34: A p15, B p14, A p15, Row 35: A kfb, k13, B k7, kfb, kfb, k7, A k13, kfb.

Row 36: A p14, B p20, A p14, Row 37: Ak13, Bk22, Ak13, Row 38: A p12, B p24, A p12.

Row 39: A kfb, k10. B k12, kfb, kfb, k12, A k10. kfb. 52 sts.

Row 40: A n11 R n30 A n11

Row 41: Ak10, Bk32, Ak10. Row 42: A p9. B p34. A p9. Row 43: A k8, B k36, A k8.

Row 44: A n7 R n3R A n7 Row 45: A k6, B k40, A k6,

Row 46: A n5. B n42. A n5. Row 47: A k4, B k44, A k4, Row 48: A p3. B p46, A p3.

Row 49: A k2 B k48 A k2 Row 50: B p.

Row 51: K. Row 52: P

Row 53: (k2tog, k9, skpo) 4 times.



Row 54: P. Row 55: (k2toq, k7, skpo) 4 times.

Row 56: P. Row 57: (k2tog, k5, skpo) 4 times.

Row 58: P Row 59: (k2tog, k3, skpo) 4 times.

Row 60: P. Row 61: (k2tog, k1, skpo) 4 times. 12 sts. Row 62- P

Thread vam through rem sts.

BEAK (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Cast on 3 sts using yam Cand 4mm needles. Row 1: K1. kfb. kfb.

Row 2- P Row 3: K2. kfb. kfb. k1. Dow 4-D

Row 5: K3 kfb kfb k2 Dow 6- P

Row 7: K4. kfb. kfb. k3. 11 sts. Row 8-P

Rind off

WINGS (MAKE 2) Cast on 3 sts using vam A and 4mm needles. Row 1: K1, kfb, kfb.

Row 2-P Row 3: K2, kfb, kfb, k1. Pour A-D

Increasing twice in the centre of each row.

Cont until there are 17 sts. Row 14: P.

Cont in st st for Brows. Row 23: K2tog each end of row. Row 24: P2tog each end of row.

Rep these 2 rows until there are 3 sts. P3tog.

Tie off vam.



When you join a new colour to your work. secure the loose end to the original colour lat the start of a row or during it), with a small, flat knot (not too tight), to keep the surrounding stitches neat

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using yarn C and 4mm needles. Row 1: Kfb, kfb, k1. Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, kfb, kfb. k2.

Row 4- P Row 5: K2. kfb. kfb. k3.

Row 6: P

Row 7: K3, kfb, kfb, k4.

Row 8: P Row 9: K4 kfb kfb k5

Row 10-P

Row 11: K5. kfb. kfb. k6. 15 sts. Row 12-P

Row 13: K5, skpo, k1, k2tog, k5,

Row 14: P. Row 15: K4, skpo, k1, k2toq, k4.

Row 16: P Row 17: K3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k3.

Row 18: P

Row 19: K2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2,

Row 20: P. Row 21: K1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1. Row 22: PStog.

MAKING UP

Tie off yam. BODY

Fold the body in half with knit sides (right sides) together. Sew the body up from each end, leaving a gap of approximately 3cm (11/4in) in the middle. Turn the body the right way out so that the knit sides (right sides) are on the outside. Fill the toy with stuffing. Sew up the 3cm (11/4in) gap.



FFFT

Fold the feet in half and sew round the edges. Position the feet on the base of the penguin's body and sew them on tightly.

WINGS

Fold the wings in half and sew round the edges. Position the wings on each side of the body, just below the neck, with the pointed part of the wings facing downwards.

BEAK

Sew the two sides together and fill with stuffing. Position the beak correctly at the bottom of the white part of the penguin's face. Sew on tightly.

Embroider the eyes using black varn (as shown in the photo).

Find more great toys in Knitted Toy Tales by Laura Long. Love Knitting readers can buy it for just £6.50 (mp £14.99), including free UK p&p. Call 0844 880 5852 or visit www.rucraft.co.uk and quote R11431. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.



Cuddly as a bear

Your baby will be the coolest kid on the block in this hoodie from Val Pierce, suitable for both boys and girls

our may not faint, it prostile, but areas your baby in this cure hoodle and they'll look one more adorable! It's knitted in two of sardar's most popular baby yarns, smuggly DK and Snuggly Timy Tost DK, which is punctuated with coloured mass to provide feature. Both yarns will keep their quality through repeated washing and tumble drying.

The pattern for this hoodle is failly easy to follow, but you'll need no concentrals when changing between the contrasting yarms foll the hood edging. Be sure to twist the yarns together when you're changing shades, to prevent holes from appearing in your work.

About the yarrs

SIRDAR SNUGGLY DK 55% nylon, 45% acrylic 50g/165m Machine washable at 40°C £3.33 from Sirdar stockists www.sirdar.co.uk

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SIRDAR SNUGGLY TINY TOTS DK

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90% acrylic, 10% polyester 50g/137m









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You will need

2xS0g balls Sirdar Snuggly DK in Oatmeal shade 344 (A)

3x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly Tiny Tots DK in Stone shade 957 (B) Oddments of brown and black DK

for the animal appliqué

3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles

5 animal buttons Safety pin

Size

To fit a 6-12 month old baby: chest 56cm (22in), length from back of neck 31cm (12in), sleeve length 16cm (615in)

Termion

24 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

Not

Strand yarns not in use loosely up the side of the work when working st st stripes

Abbreviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89

tt's in the detail You'll use garter stitch to knit the cute teddy



TEDDY HOODIE

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 67 sts. Work in moss stitch as follows:

Row 1: (R5) K1, *p1, k1*, rep from *to * to end.

Row 2: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end.

These 2 rows form moss stitch. Continue in moss st for a further 10 rows,

ending on a WS row. Change to 4mm needles, st st and work in st

st stripes as follows: 6 rows in yarn B, 6 rows in yarn A. Continue in st st stripes for a further 24 rows,

ending on last row of 6th stripe. Work will measure approx 15cm (6in) in length. Adjust length here if needed. But make sure

that you end each piece of the jacket on the same row, to facilitate continuity of the pattern when sewing up.

Shape ragians

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 st at beg of next 2 rows (65 sts)

Next row: K2, sl1, k1, psso, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Next row: Purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows until 23 sts remain. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 39 sts.

Work in moss stitch as for back for 11 rows.

Row 12: Moss stitch across first 8 sts, slip these stitches onto a safety pin for front band. Moss stitch to end (31 sts).

Change to 4mm needles and work in st. st.

stripes as for back, until work measures same as back to ragian shaping, ending on a W5 row. Shape ragians

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 st at beg of

Purl 1 row. Next row: K2, sl1, k1, psso, knit to end.

Next row: Purl.
Repeat the last 2 rows until 13 sts remain, ending on a RS row.

Shape neck
Row 1: (W5) Cast off 2 sts, purl to end.

Row 2: K2, sl1, k1, psso, knit to last 2 st, k2tog. Row 3: P2tog, purl to end. Repeat rows 2 and 3 once more (5 sts).

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K1, s11, psso (2 sts). Next row: Purl.

Next row: Sl1, k1, psso and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yam A, cast

on 39 sts.

Work in moss stitch as for back, for 6 rows.

Next row: (Make buttonhole) moss stitch 3 sts, cast off 2 sts, moss stitch to end.

Next row: Moss stitch to end but cast on 2 sts.

above the cast off sts of previous row.

Work in moss stitch for 2 more rows.

Row 11: Moss stitch 8 sts, slip onto a safety pin
for front border moss stitch to end (31 sts).

for front border, moss stitch to end (31 sts). Row 12: Moss stitch to end. Change to 4mm needles and work to match

left front reversing shapings, working 1 row more before start of ragian shaping and working k2tog instead of s11, k1, psso at ragian shaping until 14 sts remain, ending on a W5 row. Shape neck

Row 1: (RS) Cast off 2 sts, knit to last 4 st,

k2tog, k2. Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2tog, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 once more (5 sts). Next row: K3tog, k2 (3 sts).

Next row: Purl. Next row: K2tog, k1 (2 sts).

Next row: Purl. Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

SLEEVES

Make two alike.

Using 3,75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 33 sts. Work moss stirch as for back for 18 rows.

Change to 4mm needles, and work in st st stripes as before, increasing 1 st at each end of the needle on the 5th row and then every following 6th row, until there are 43 sts.

Continue straight for 7 rows, ending on last row of 6th stripe. Your work will measure approx 16cm (6½in).

Adjust the length of your work here to match the back piece, if required. Shape raglans

Keeping stripes correct, cast off 1 stitch at beg of next 2 rows (31 sts).

Row 3: K2, sl1, k1, psso, to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Repeat the last 4 rows 4 times more, then rep rows 3 and 4 only until 9 sts remain. Cast off.

HOOD

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 42 sts, join in A and cast on 13 sts (55 sts). Work in st st stripes as before, but keeping 13 sts at end of row in moss stitch as follows (note: twist yarns together when changing to stop

holes and use a separate ball of varn A when needed):

Row 1: (R5) Using yarn B. k42 sts. using yarn A. moss stitch 13 sts

Row 2: Using yarn A, moss stitch 13, using yarn B. p42.

Continue, working stripes of yarn A and B as before, keeping the 13 sts moss stitch border correct. When you have completed 15 stripes in all cast off

BUTTON AND BUTTONHOLE BANDS Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, return to the stitches on stitch holder of the left front.

Continue working in moss stitch until the band, when slightly stretched, fits up the side of the left front to neck shaping. Cast off in nattern Using 3.75mm needles return to stitches on holder of right front. Continue in moss stitch. working buttonholes with approximately 20

rows between until 5 button holes in all have heen worked

Work 4 more rows, Cast off.

TEDDY MOTIE

Face Worked in garter stitch.

Using 3.75mm needles and brown yam, cast on 8 sts. Knit 2 rows. Inc 1 stat each end of next and every following

alt row, until there are 16 sts. Knit 10 mus Dec 1 stateach end of next and every following

alt row until there are 10 sts remaining. Knit 2 rows and cast off

Using 3.75mm needles and varn A. cast on 2 sts. Next row: Purl.

Continue in st st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until there are 12 sts. Work 5 rows in st st, ending on a purl row. Next row: K2toq, k2, k2toq, turn.

Next row: P4

Next row: (K2tog) twice, pass first st over second st and fasten off. With RS facing, reioin yarn to remaining 6 sts.

and complete to match first side.

Next row: Purl

Using 3.75mm needles and yam A, cast on 3 sts.

Continue in st st and inc 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until you have 11 sts, ending on a purl row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until 3 sts remain. Cast off.



FARS

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and brown yarn, cast on 3 sts Knit 1 row Inc 1 stateach end of next row (5 sts).

Knit 4 rows Dec 1 st at each end of next row (3 sts). Knit 1 row. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Work all the ends in neatly. Join sleeves to back and fronts, matching the stripes as you sew. Join the side and sleeve seams, again matching the stripes. Fold the front edge of hood in half onto right side and catch down at each side. Stitch front bands in place, stretching slightly to give a neat finish. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes

Join back seam of hood. Pin hood around neck edge, beginning and ending 4 stitches in from each front edge of lacket. Sew in place. Take head section of motif and lay flat. 5ew mask onto head, easing slightly to get a nice shape. Sew muzzle sideways onto base of mask, adding a tiny bit of yam as stuffing.

5ew ears to either side of the head, pleating at the base to give shape. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth with black yam, using the photograph as a guide. Sew the motifivery firmly to the front of the hoodie.

When sewing the teddy onto the hoodie, leave the top edge open to make a tiny pocket



Looking for more ways to spoil your little one? Cutest Ever Baby Knits by Val Pierce is packed with patterns for clothes and gifts. Love Knitting readers can buy it for £7.49 (rrp £9.99), with free UK p&p. Call 01206 255800 or visit www.newholland publishers.com and quote 'Love Knitting Baby'. Offer ends 20th January 2012, while stocks last.





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Christmas glitz

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More patter

Making gifts for baby is so much fun, especially when they're as lovely as this! I you Rowe's hunting s quick and easy to knit. In King Cole's Smooth DK You'll find the pattern in issue 66 of Knit Today, out 27th October 2011. The issue also includes a roy organiser for baby's room, as well as stacks of items for the whole family. Knit Today is available in all good newsagents, priced at £4.99.

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Colour stripes made easy

Colourful baby garments look adorable, but they can be tricky to knit, especially when you're on a tight deadline for Christmas! Sirdar's Smiley Stripes yam is just perfect for adding a flash of colour to tiny hats, cardigans and bootees, with minimum effort.

Available in a wide range of colours, this bamboo and wool blend yarn is soft and cosy



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If you enjoy looking for knitting supplies online, Yarnsville is sure to be right up your street. This brand new online store specialises in gorgeous Artesano and Manos del Uruguay yarns, as well as timeless knitting accessories, needles and bags. There are lots of other knitting goodies to discover, so click on www.yarnsville.com today and start spending).



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Christmas gifts

Make little ones a big part of the celebrations with these babyfriendly knits by Debbie Bliss. They're packed full of festive flair







You will need

 2xS0g balls Debbie Bliss Rialto Aran in Red (A) and 1 in Ecru (B)

4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) and 5mm

(UK 6/US 8) knitting needles 20cm (8in) of ribbon/tape for the

Sizze

Tension
18 sts and 24 rows to 10cm (4in)
square, on Smm needles

Abbreviations



POTTON CHATZ 2 (109)

Festive stocking

orked in festive red and ecru, this Christmas stocking is knitted in, rather aptly, stocking stitch. The majority of it is plain, with decorative colourwork stripes and snowflake motifs kept to a minimum. While it's simple enough to knit up in double-quick time, this stocking is big enough to hold all your surprise gifts and goodies.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

With 4.5mm needles and A, cast on 65 sts.
K1 row A, (k2 rows B, k2 rows A) twice, k2 rows B.
Change to 5mm needles.
Beg with a k row, work 4 rows in st st in A.
Contin stst and work 27 rows from chart.1

(below left) using the Fair Isle method. Beg with a prow, work 30 rows in st st in A only. Change to 4.5mm needles.

P 1 row.

SHAPE HEEL

FIRST SIDE Next 2 rows: K4, turn, sl 1, p3.

Next 2 rows: K6, turn, sl 1, p5.

Next 2 rows: K8, turn, sl 1, p7.

Cont to work shortened turning rows in this way until you have worked: K22, turn, sl 1, p21.

Next 2 rows: K18, turn, sl 1, p17. Next 2 rows: K14, turn, sl 1, p13.

Next 2 rows: K10, tum, sl 1, p9. Next 2 rows: K6, tum, sl 1, p5.

Next 2 rows: K6, turn, K1 row across all sts.

SECOND SIDE Next 2 rows: P4.tum. sl 1.k3.

Next 2 rows: P6, turn, sl 1, k5. Next 2 rows: P8, turn, sl 1, k7.

Cont to work shortened turning rows in this way until you have worked: P22, turn, sl 1, k21.

Next 2 rows: P18, turn, sl 1, k17. Next 2 rows: P14, turn, sl 1, k13.

Next 2 rows: P10, turn, sl 1, k9. Next 2 rows: P6, turn, sl 1, k5.

Next 2 rows: P6, tum, sl 1, k5, Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st across all sts.

Change to 5mm needles. Beg with a k row, work 9 rows in st st from chart

Change to 4.5mm needles and work in A only. Beg with a Prow, work 7 rows in st st.

SHAPE TOE

Next row: (RS) K2, ssk, k25, k2tog, k3, ssk, k25, k2tog, k2.

Work 3 rows in st st.

Next row: K2. ssk. k23. k2toa, k3. ssk. k23.

k2tog, k2. Work 3 rows in st st.

Cont in stripes of 2 rows B, 2 rows A alternately

as follows: Next row: With B, k2, ssk, k21, k2tog, k3, ssk, k21,

k2tog, k2.

P 1 row in B. Work 2 rows in st st in A.

Work 2 rows in st st in A.

Next row: With B, k2, ssk, k19, k2tog, k3, ssk, k19, k2ton, k2.

k2tog, k2. P 1 row in B. Next row: With A. k2. ssk, k17, k2tog, k3, ssk, k17,

k2tog, k2. P 1 row in A. **Next row:** With B. k2. ssk. k15, k2tog, k3. ssk. k15,

k2tog, k2. P 1 row in B.

Break B and cont in A only.

Next row: K2, ssk, k13, k2tog, k3, ssk, k13,

k2tog, k2. Next row: P2, p2tog, p11, p2tog tbl, p3, p2tog, k11, p2tog tbl, p2.

Next row: K2, ssk, k9, k2tog, k3, ssk, k9, k2tog, k2. Next row: P2, p2tog, p7, p2tog tbl, p3, p2tog, k7, p2tog tbl, p2.

p2tog tbl, p2. Next row: K2, ssk, k5, k2tog, k3, ssk, k5, k2tog. k2 (21 sts)

k2. (21 sts) Cast off.

TO FINISH

Join the toe and back seam, matching up the patterns and stripes. Fold your length of ribbon/ tape in half to form a loop, and sew inside the top of the stocking for the hanging.

et into the swing of Christmas by knitting this cute baby's beanie with a rolled brim. Worked in Aran weight yarn, only a few rows involve a colour change, so it's simpler to knit than it appears.

Picot-edged leaves and bobble berries on top complete the look.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING HAT

With 4mm needles and M. cast on 73 (81) sts. Req with a know work 12 mws in st st. Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work 22 (26) rows in st st. Cont in st st and work in patt as follows (see note right):

Next row: (RS): K 15 (17)M. 1C. 15 (17)M. 2C. 16 (18) M. 1C. 17 (19)M. 1C. 5M.

Next row: P 4M, 3C, 4 (5)M, 1C, 11M, 1 (2)C, 6 (7)M. 1C. 8 (9)M. 3C. 8M. 1C. 6 (8)M. 2C. 3 (4)M. 1 (2)C. 10M. Next row: K 4M, 1C, 4 (5)M, 3C, 1 (2)M, 3C, 5 (7)M. 4C. 5M. 5C. 6M. 3 (4)C. 4 (5)M. 3 (4)C. 4 (3)M. 1C.

4 (5)M, 3C, 3 (4)M, 4C, 3M, Next row: P.2M.6C.1M.5(6)C.2(3)M.3C.2(1)M. 5 (6)C 2M 5 (7)C 3 (4) M 8 (7)C 3M 6 (7)C 3 (4)M 8 (10)C, 3M, 3C, 3M,

Next row: K2M, 5C, 1M, 10 (13)C, 1M, 19 (20)C, 1M. 34 (21)C, 0 (1)M, 0 (16)C, Cont in C only, P1 row. Dec row: K1 (0), [k2toq, k7] 8 (9) times, 65 (72) sts.

D 1 may Dec row: K1 (0), [k2toq, k6] 8 (9) times, 57 (63) sts.

P 1 row Dec row: K1 (0), [k2toa, k5] 8 (9) times, 49 (54) sts.

Dec row: K1 (0), [k2tox, k4] 8 (9) times, 41 (45) sts. D1 row

Decrow: K1 (0), [k2toq, k3] 8 (9) times. 33 (36) sts. Decrow: [P2, p2toq] 8 (9) times, p1, 25 (27) sts. Next row: K1 [k2tog, k3] to end, 13 (14) sts. Next row: P1 (0), [p2toq] to end. 7 sts. Leaving 40cm (15%in), break off varn, thread

through rem sts, pull up; secure. Join seam, reversing at lower edge to allow hem to roll.



You will need

1x50g ball Debbie Bliss Rialto Aran in Chocolate (M) and 1 in Ecru (C)

Small amount of Debbie Bliss baby Cachmarina in Dark Green and Pad

3.25mm (IIK 10/IIS 3) 4mm (IIK 8/IIS 6) and Smm (UK 6/US 8) knitting needles

In fit ages 3-6 (6-12) months

Tonsion

18 sts and 24 rows to 10cm (4in) square on Comm pendlor

When working with two colours, either use separate strands of yarn for each colour area, twisting yarns at colour change to avoid holes, or weave varn not in use across WS where necessary. to avoid long yam floats

Abbreviations

LEAVES (MAKE 3)

With 3.25mm needles and Dark Green, cast on 21 sts. Beg with k row, work 4 rows in st st. Picot row: K1. [vf. k2toa] to end. Beg with a p row work 4 rows in st st. Work cast-off as follows: With right-hand needle, pick up first st of cast-on row place on left needle and ktoo with first st on left needle. Place next st from cast-on edge on left needle and ktog with next st on needle, take first st on right needle over second to cast off. Casting off sts in this way, cont to k each st too with corresponding st of cast-on edge. Cast off all sts. Fold in half; sew straight edges together.

BERRIES (MAKE 3)

With 3.25mm needles and Red cast on 1 st Next row: fK1, p1, k1, p1, k11 all into st, 5 sts. K 1 row. P 1 mw

Rep last 2 rows once more. Next row: K2tog, k1, k2tog. 3 sts.

Next row: Slip 1 pwise, p2toq, psso, 1 st. Fasten off, cut varn and with a darning needle, work a running stitch around edge of berry. Draw up into a bobble and secure.

TO FINISH

Sew three leaves and berries to top of hat.

You will need

1x50g ball of Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino in Red (A) and 1 in Grey (B) 2.75mm (UK 12/US 2) and 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) knitting needles

Siz

In fit wars 3-6 months

Tension

28 sts and 37 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 2.75mm needles

Note

 1x50g ball of each colour will make all three pairs of bootees

Abbreviations

More ideas...

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Bootee trio

hese bootees would make a lovely gift set for any new baby. All three styles of bootee – striped top with a roll-over cuff, striped sides with turned-up tops, or lace-edged with a bow – are worked from the same basic pattern. They're knitted in soft Baby Cashmerino yarn.

BOOTEES WITH STRIPED INSTEP

** With 2.75mm needles and A, cast on 36 sts. K 1 row.

Row 1: (RS) K1, yf, k16, yf, [k1, yf] twice, k16, yf, k1.

Row 2 and all WS rows: K to end, working k1 tbl

Into each yf of previous row.

into each yf or previous row.

Row 3: K2, yf, k16, yf, k2, yf, k3, yf, k16, yf, k2.

Row 5: K3, yf, k16, yf, [k4, yf] twice, k16, yf, k3.

Row 7: K4, yf, k16, yf, k5, yf, k6, yf, k16, yf, k4.

Row 9: K5, yf, k16, yf, [k7, yf] twice, k16, yf, k5. Row 11: K22, yf, k8, yf, k9, yf, k22. 64 sts. Row 12: 4s 2nd row **

Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st. Shape instep

Next row: With A, k36, skpo, turn. Next row: With A, sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Cont in stripes of 2 rows B and 2 rows A starting with 2 rows B, and work as follows: Next rows B1.1. kB. skpo. turn.

Next row: SI 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Next row: SI 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more. Cont in A only.

Next row: SI 1, k to end. Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17, 44 sts.

Rib row: [K1, p1] to end. Rep the last row 9 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles. Work 12 more rows in rib. Cast off in rib. Join back seam and sole seam.

BOOTEES WITH STRIPED FOOT

Work as given for Bootees with Striped Instep from ** to **.

Beg with a k row, work S rows in st st.

Next row: (WS) [P next sttog with corresponding

st 5 rows below] to end. Beg with a k row, work 10 rows in st st, working in

stripes of 2 rows B, 2 rows A. Cont in A only.

Shape instep
Next row: K36, skpc, turn.

Next row: SI 1, p8, p2tog, turn.
Next row: SI 1, k8, skpo, turn.
Next row: SI 1, k8, skpo, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more, then work first of the 2 rows again.

Next row: Si 1, k to end. Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17. 44 sts. Rib row: [K1, p1] to end. Rep the last row 9 times more.

Rib 2 rows B, 2 rows A and 2 rows B.



With B, cast off in rib.

BOOTEES WITH LACY TOP

With B, work as given for Bootees with Striped Instep from ** to **. With A. k 2 rows.

With B, beg with a k row, work 8 rows in st st.

With A, k 2 rows. Cont in B only.

Shape instep
Next row: K36. skpo. turn.

Next row: SI 1, p8, p2tog, tum. Next row: SI 1, k8, skpo, tum. Rep the last 2 rows 7 times more, then work first of

the 2 rows again.

Next row: SI 1, k to end.

Next row: P17, p2tog, p8, p2tog tbl, p17. 44 sts. Change to 3.25mm needles and cont in patt as follows.

Row 1: K2, [k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k2] to end. Row 2: P to end.

Row 2: P to end. Row 3: K1, [k2toq, yf, k3, yf, skpo] to last st, k1.

Row 4: P to end. These 4 rows form the patt.

Patt a further 12 rows. With A. k 1 row.

With A, cast off knitwise.

Using 2 strands of B, make a 46cm (18in) long

Oh-so sweet

This darling hat and cardi combo is perfect for boys and girls. Knitting it is easy as pie, even for complete beginners

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For standard abbreviations see page 89

Match both sides of the front band by working out a ratio and sticking to it. For example, pick up 2 sts for every 3 rows knitted

Ranlan sleeves are perfect for small garments because they fit well and are easily put on. Sew them up neatly to show off the shaping detail.



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|------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Chest | cm | 41 | 46 | 51 | 56 |
| | in | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| Cardigan, | cm | 46 | 52 | 57 | 63 |
| actual size | in | 1814 | 201/2 | 221/2 | 241/2 |
| Length | cm | 21 | 25 | 29 | 33 |
| to back of neck | in | 8 | 10 | 111/2 | 13 |
| Sleeve seam | cm | 12 | 15 | 19 | 23 |
| | in | 434 | 6 | 71/2 | 9 |
| Hat width | cm | 33 | 36 | 39 | 41 |
| around head | in | 13 | 14 | 1514 | 1614 |
| YARN QUANTI | TIES | | | | |
| Cardigan | 50g balls | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Hat | 50g balls | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

ometimes, the best way to show off a special yarn is to knit an unfussy pattern - that's definitely true in this case. This cardi and hat are supremely easy to work. Freedom Sincere DK is organic, produced on land free of chemicals for at least three years. It's also coloured with nontoxic dyes, so you can be sure you're choosing the best for your baby.

Using 3,25mm needles, cast on 51 (57:63:69) sts. Row 1: (RS) K1. *P1. K1. rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1. *K1. P1. rep from * to end. These 2 rows form the rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, ending with

Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a Krow, work in st st until Back measures 10 (14: 17: 20) cm or 4 (51/2: 61/2: 73/4) in. ending with aWS row.

Shape ragian armholes Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 45 (51:57: 63) sts

1st size only

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, psso, K to last 3 sts, K2toq, K1, 43 sts. Work 3 rows, ending with a W5 row.

3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, psso, K to last 3 sts, K2toa, K1, Next row: P1. P2too. P to last 3 sts. P2tog tbl. P1.

Rep last 2 rows (0, 1) times more. (53, 55) sts.

Next row: (RS) K1, sl 1, K1, psso, K to last 3 sts. K2toq, K1. Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 11 (14: 14: 14) times more, ending

Break varn and leave rem 19 (21: 23: 25) sts on a

holder LEFT FRONT

Heina 3 25mm needles cast on 24 (28:30:34) sts

Row 1: (R5) *K1, P1, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2, Row 2: "K1. P1. rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, inc 1 (0: 1: 0) statend of last row and ending with a W5 row. 25

(78-31-34) sts Change to 4mm needles.

Starting with a Krow, work in st st until Left Front

matches Back to start of ragian armhole shaping, ending with a W5 row. Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 22 (25: 28: 31) sts. Work 1 row.

Shape front edge

Working all ragian armhole decreases as set by Back, dec 1 st at ragian armhole edge of next 1 (1: 3: 5) rows, then on 1 (0: 0: 0) foll 4th row, then

on foil 11 (14:14:14) alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at front neck edge of next and foll 0 (1:2:3) alt rows, then on 6 foll 4th rows, 2 sts. Next row: (WS) P2

Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 24 (28: 30: 34) sts. Row 1: (RS) K2 *P1 K1 rep from * to end

Row 2: *P1, K1, rep from * to end. These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows, inc 1 (0: 1: 0) st at beg of last row and ending with a WS row. 25

(28: 31: 34) sts. Change to 4mm needles

Starting with a K row, work in st st until Right Front matches Back to start of rapian armhole shaping. ending with a RS row.

Shape raglan armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, 22 (25: 28: 31) sts. Complete as given for Left Front from start of front edge shaping.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 27 (29: 31: 33) sts. Work in rib as given for Back for 6 (6: 8: 8) rows.

ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles Starting with a Krow, work in st st, shaping sides

by inc 1 st at each end of next (next: next: 3rd) and foll 9 (5: 4: 0) alt rows, then on 0 (4: 6: 9) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (0: 0: 6th) row, 47 (49: 53:

Cont straight until sleeve measures 12 (15: 19: 23) cm or 4¾ (6; 7½; 9) in, ending with a WS row. Shape raglan

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 41 (43: 47: 49) etc

Next row: (RS) K1. sl 1. K1. psso. K to last 3 sts. K2ton, K1

Next row: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2tog tbl, P1. Working all decreases as set by last 2 rows, dec 1 stateach end of next S (S: 7: 7) rows, then on every foll alt row until 7 sts rem.

Work 1 row, ending with a WS row, Break varn and leave rem 7 sts on a holder.

Join the raglan seams.

FPONT RAND

With RS facing and 3.25mm circular needle, starting at right front cast-on edge, pick up and knit 28 (37: 43: 49) sts up right front to start of front neck edge shaping, and 27 (29: 31: 33) sts up right front neck edge. Knit across 7 sts on right sleeve holder, then 19 (21: 23: 25) sts on back holder. and 7 sts on left sleeve holder, pick up and knit 27 (29: 31: 33) sts down left front neck edge to start of front neck edge shaping, and 28 (37: 43: 49) sts down left front edge to cast-on edge. 143 (167: 185: 203) sts.

Row 1: (WS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end. This row sets position of rib as given for Back with first and last st of every row worked as a K st (so

that next row will start and end with K2). Keeping sts correct as now set, cont as follows:

For a girl

Row 2: (RS) rib 1. "work 2 tog, vm (to make a buttonhole), rib 6 (9: 11: 13), rep from * twice more work 2 too, ym (to make 4th buttonhole).

rib to end For a boy

Row 2: (RS) rib to last 27 (36: 42: 48) sts *vrn. work 2 tog (to make a buttonhole), rib 6 (9: 11: 13), rep from * twice more, vm, work 2 tog (to make 4th buttonhole), rib 1.

For a girl or a boy

Work in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with a RS row Cast off in rib (on WS).

Inin side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons

Using 3,25mm needles, cast on 73 (79:85:91) sts. Row 1: (RS) K1. *P1. K1. rep from * to end. Row 2: P1. *K1. P1. rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib Work in rib for a further 4 (4: 6: 6) rows ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles. Starting with a Krow, work in st st until hat measures 10cm (4in), ending with a WS row.

SHAPE CROWN 4th size only

Next row: (RS) [K13, K2toq] 6 times, K1. 85 sts. Work 1 row

3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) [K12, K2toq] 6 times, K1, 79 sts. Work 1 row.

2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only

Next row: (RS) [K11, K2tool 6 times, K1, 73 sts. Work 1 row.

All sizes

Next row: (RS) [K10, K2toq] 6 times, K1. 67 sts. Work 1 row.

Next row: [K9, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 61 sts. Work 1 row

Next row: [K8, K2toq] 6 times, K1. 55 sts. Work 1 row

Next row: [K7, K2toq] 6 times, K1. 49 sts. Work 1 row Next row: [K6. K2toa] 6 times, K1, 43 sts.

Next row: P1, [P2toq, P5] 6 times. 37 sts. Next row: [K4, K2toq] 6 times, K1. 31 sts.

Next row: P1. (P2tog. P316 times, 25 sts. Next row: [K2, K2tog] 6 times, K1. 19 sts. Next row: P1. [P2tog. P1] 6 times, 13 sts. Next row: [K2tool 6 times K1. Break varn and thread through rem 7 sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

Join the back seam. Sew on the buttons.



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HOODED CARDIGAN

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- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) and 4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) knitting needles
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) and 4.5mm (UK 7/US 7) circular needles, 81 cm (32in) long or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch holders 4 huttons

- Instructions are written for size 6 months. Changes for 12 and
- 18 months are in brackets Knitted measurements: chest (closed) 56 (61: 66) cm or 22 (24: 26) in: length 28.5 (31: 33.5)cm or 11% (12%, 13%) in: upper arm 20.5 (23: 25.5) cm or 8 (9: 10) in

21 sts and 28 mws to 10cm (4in) square over st st. on a 4.5mm circular needle

Body is worked in one piece to the underarms. Take time to check your tension

For standard abbreviations see page 89



When knitting the border band and placing the buttonholes, make sure the stripes match across both fronts. You can do this by picking up the same number of stitches for each knitted stripe, so that the bands will also match

HOODED CARDIGAN

K2 P2 RIB

(over a multiple of 4 sts plus 2) Row 1: (RS) K2. *p2. k2: rep from * to end. Row 2: P2 *k2 n2: ren from * to end Reprows 1 and 2 for k2, p2 rlb.

Stripe pattern Working in st st. *work 8 rows B. 8 rows C: rep from * (16 rows) for stripe patt.

RODY

With 4mm circular needle and A cast on 102 (114: 122) sts.

Work in k2 in 2 rib for 10 rows going back and forward. Inc 3 sts evenly across last row - 105 (117: 125).

Change to 4.5mm circular needle and B. Cont in st st (knit on RS, purl on WS) and stripe patt until 4 (S: S) stripes have been completed, end with a WS row.

With next colour, work even for 7 (3: 7) rows, and with a BS mu

Divides for fronts and backs

Next row: (WS) P 21 (24: 26) sts, place these sts on holder for left front, cast off next 6 sts for left underarm, purl until there are 51 (S7: 61) sts on RH needle, leave these sts on needle for back, cast off next 6 sts for right underarm, purl to end place these last 21 (24: 26) sts on holder for right front.

BACK

Change to larger straight needles. Cont in stripe patt and work as foll:

Armhole shaping Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then every other row 1 (2: 3) times more - 43 (47: 49) sts. Work even until armhole measures 10 (11 5: 12.5) cm or 4 (41/2: S) in: end with a WS row. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Place 21 (24: 26) sts from left front holder onto larger straight needle ready for a RS row.

Cont in stripe patt and work as foll: Armhole shaping

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row. Work next row even. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next row. then every other row 1 (2:3) times more - 17 (19: 20) sts. Work even until armhole measures 6.5 (7.5: 9)

cm or 21/2 (3: 31/2) in: end with a RS row.

Neck shaping Cast off 5 sts from neck edge once, 2 sts once, then 1 st once - 9 (11:12) sts.

Work even until piece measures same length at back to shoulder, end with a WS row. Cast off

RIGHT FRONT

Place 21 (24: 26) sts from right front holder onto larger straight needle ready for a RS row. Cont. to work in strine natt, work next row even. Cont. to work same as left front, reversing shaping.

SIFFVES

With 4mm straight needles and A, cast on 34 sts Work in k2, p2 rib for 10 rows, end with a WS row. Change to 4.5mm straight needles and C. Beg with a C stripe, cont in st st and stripe patt. inc 1 st each side on next row, then every 4th row 4 (6: 8) times more - 44 (48: 52) sts.

Continue in stripe patt until 3 (4:4) stripes have been completed, end with a WS row, Change to next color and work for 6 (2: 6) rows; piece should measure approx 14.5 (16: 18) cm or 5% (6%: 7) in from bea. Sleeve shaning Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 2 sts at

row, then every other row 3 (4:5) times more, then every 4th row twice. Cast off 4 sts at beq of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 6 (8: 10) sts. HOOD With 4.5mm straight needles and C. cast on An (R4: RR) sts. Cont in St st and stripe patt

beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next

completed. Cast off.

Block pieces to measurements, Sew shoulder seams. Fold hood in half, then sew cast-on

and work even until 5 strines have been

edges together for back seam Sew hood to the neck edge, placing the back seam in centre of the back neck edge. Place markers for 4 buttons on the left front edge for girls and right front edge for boys. with the first 2cm (%in) from the lower edge, the last 4cm (11/2in) from the neck edge and



Knitting the body in one piece is perfect for bables – the fewer seams the better! And as there are no joins, the stripes will be perfect.



OUTER BAND

With RS facing. 4mm circular needle and A, pick up and k 53 (59: 63) sts evenly spaced along right front edge to hood, pick up and k 80 (84: 88) sts along hood edge, pick up and k 53 (59: 63) sts evenly spaced along left front edge — 186 (20: 2: 14) sts. Beg with row 2, cont in 12-2 z ils for 3 rows.

Next (buttonhole) row: (RS) *Work in rib to marker, cast off next 2 sts; rep from * 3 times more, work in rib to end.

Next row: Work rib, casting on 2 sts over boundoff sts. Cont in rib for 3 rows more. Cast off loosely in rib. Sew sleeve seams; match stripes. Set in sleeves, matching stripes. Add buttons.



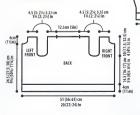
20.5 (23: 25.5) cm 8 (9: 10)in

SLEEVE

15cm (6in)

11.5 (12.5: 14.5)cm 4½ (5: 5¾) in

MEASUREMENTS



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2x50g balls Artesano DK in Cream and 2 in Bonhon

Organic stuffing 1.5m (1.65vds) of 5cm (2in) wide satin ribbon

Small amount of white folt Riack embroidery thread 3.75mm (UK 9/U5 5) knitting needles

2x50g balls Artesano DK in Cream, 1 in Bonbon and 1 in Sweet Pea Ornanic stuffing

1.5m (1.65vds) of 2.5cm (1in) wide black and white speckled ribbon Small amount of white felt

Black embroidery thread 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles

Base of comforter measures 30.5x30.5cm (12x12in)

25 sts and 33 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

For standard abbreviations see page 89

(for both cow and sheep) Using 3 75mm needles and Cream varn. cast on 75 sts.

Beg with a knit row, work straight in st st until comforter measures 30.5cm (12in), ending on a WS mw

Cast off. Pin and block the square.

HEAD

Using Bonbon varn and 3.75mm needles, cast on 6 etc

Row 1: Kfb into each st (12 sts) Row 2- Purl

Row 3: *K1. kfb rep from * to end (18 sts). Row 4: Purl

St st 6 rougs Next row: *K2. kfb rep from * to end (24 sts).

Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows. Next row: "K2, kfb rep from " to end

/27 c+c\44 Req with a puri row, st st 9 rows.

Shape muzzle Next row: K2 tog to end of row (16 sts).

Next row: Purl. Next row: K2tog to end of row (8 sts).

Next rose Purl Next row: K2 tog to end of row (4 sts). Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread through

rem sts and pull tight. Fold head in half lengthwise and sew rear seam, leaving a small opening, Stuff firmly and close hole.

EARS (MAKE 2 ALIKE) Using Bonbon yam, cast on S sts.



Row 1: "K1, p1 rep from " to last st, k1. Ronthie musely times

Next row: K2tog, moss st to last 2 sts. k2tog (3 etc)

Break varn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and pull tight. Position ears at each side of head and sew

firmly in place (see photo for reference).

Using 3.75mm needles and Cream, work as for

sheep to **. Next row: Beg with a purl row, work 5 rows in

Change to Sweet Pea and work 4 rows in st st Work muzzle decreases as for sheer's head. Work both ears as for sheep, using Cream,

Stuff and attach ears as for sheep.

BASE COMFORTER

Pin and tack ribbon around the edges of the base comforters. You will need to mitte the corners for neatness. The wide satin ribbon should be folded lengthwise over each side edge, whilst the narrower black and white ribbon can sit on top of the right side. Sew firmly in place using small slip stitches.

SHEEP

Cut two small circles of white felt for the eyes. Position and secure in the centre with a French knot, worked in black embroidery thread (see next page for a step-by-step guide). Work two more French knots on the muzzle as nostrils. Take some of the Cream varn and work French knots all over the crown of the sheep, to give a woolly effect. Don't be too fussy about keeping it neat - you can leave some knots a bit loopy here to add texture.

Work eyes and nostrils as for the sheep. Take some of the Bonbon yam and Swiss dam a small, random area on the cow's face so it looks like a Friesian Add more patches if you like. Go on, personalise your cow! See next page for Swiss daming instructions.

RIBBON HANDLES

Fold your base comforters in half and then in half again to find the centre point. Cut a 20cm (8in) length of ribbon. Fold in half and lay the raw edges on the centre point of the base. Secure the ribbon in place with small firm stitches. Place your sheep or cow head over the ton and socure to the ribbon/hase comforter using small, firm stitches.



Also known as duplicate stitch. Swiss darning is great for working small motifs because it looks as if it's been knitted into the fabric

HORIZONTAL STITCHES

Work along row from right to left. Bring threaded needle to front of work at base of V' of knitted stitch. Pass needle (working from right to left) in and out of the stitch in the row above. Then bring needle back to front of work at base of V and push gently through to hack. Reneat for each stitch across row

VERTICAL STITCHES

Work from hottom to top of row Bring needle out at base of V'as before. Complete the Stitch as above but then bring the needle up. at base of stitch above, and continue working upwards along the line of knitted stitches.



FRENCH KNOT STEP BY STEP

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Work in any direction. Bring threaded needle to the right side of the fabric. Holding thread taut between a finger and thumb on your left hand, wind the thread once or twice around the tip of the needle.



 Still holding the thread, insert the needle tip close to the point where you brought the needle out to the right side of the fabric. Pull needle so the twist lies neatly on the fabric surface. Repeat as required.



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You will need

9x50g balls Bergere de France Cocoon in Stratus shade 241.481 5.5mm (UK 5/US 9) and 6.5mm (UK 3/US 10.5) knitting needles

1 cable needle
10x2cm (Nin) diameter grey buttons
6x2.5cm (Tin) diameter grey buttons

14 sts and 17 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 6.5mm needles

Special stitche

2/2 rib using 5.5mm needler Row 1: *k2, p2* rep from *to*. Row 2: k over k, p over p. Cable pattern using 6.5mm needles over 12 sts Row 1 (R5) and 3: p2, k8, p2. Row 5: p2, 4CR, 4CL, p2. After Row 6, rep from Row 1.

Abbreviations

4CR slip 2 sts onto cable needle at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle
4CL slip 2 sts onto cable needle at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle

For standard abbreviations see mane 89

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SLEEPING BAG

LOWER SECTION: BACK
Using 6.5mm needles cast on 39 sts. Work in st st
for 2 rows. Cont in st st casting on 2sts at beg of
next.4 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of next R5
row (1st in from edge) and every foll RS row twice,

then at each end of foll 4th row.
Cont in sts on the 55 sto obtained. When work
measures 25am (9in) (40 rows) dec. 1 stateach
edge (1 st in from edge) on next 65 row, then on
every foll 4th row 3 times, then on every foll 85
row troice. To dec. 1 stateach edge (1 st in from
edge; k1, k2tog, work to last 3 sts, slip 1, k1, psso,
k1, Work 1 row, on the zem 43 sts, then cast off.

LOWER SECTION: LEFT FRONT

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 20 sts. Work 5 sts sts. 1,2 sts cable patt, 3 sts sts for 2 rows. Cont in patt as set casting on 2 sts at beg of next 2 RS rows, then inc 1st at beg of next RS row (1st in from edge) and every foll RS row twice, then at beg of foll 44 row.

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Cont in part on the 28 sts obtained. When work measures 23cm (9in) [40 rows] dec 1 st at beg (1 st in from edge) of next RS row, then on every foll 4th row 3 times, then on every foll 75 row.

The row of the rem 22 sts then cast off.

LOWER SECTION: RIGHT FRONT Work as for Left Front rev all shapings.

Left border
Using 5.5mm needles pick up 46 sts along left
front edge: Work in 2/2 rib for 5cm (2in) [10 rows]

then cast off all sts.

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 46 sts along right front edge, Work in 2/2 nb for 2.5cm (1in) [6 rows] then make three 2 st buttonholes (see top tip on page 39), the first 8 sts from the end, the others at 12 st spacings. When work measures 5cm (2in) [10 rows] cast off all sts.

To make up

Sew side and bottom seams. Sew on buttons.

TOP SECTION: BACK

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 48 sts. Work 7 sts st st, 12 sts cable patt, 10 sts st st, 12 sts cable patt, 7 sts st st for 2 rows. Cont in patt as set, casting on 2sts at beg of next 2 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of next 2 fts rows.

Cont in patt on the 56 sts obtained.

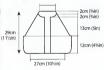
When work measures 12 or (4½in) [20 rows] cast off 3sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 2sts* at each edge of next 2 RS rows (1 st in from edge). Then dec 1 st at each end of next 12 RS rows. "=To dec 2 sts (1st from edge): k1, k3tog, work to last 4 sts, kip1, k2tog, boso. Work 1 row on the row 18 sts then cast off.

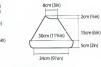
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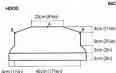
RIGHT SLEEVE

Using 6.5mm needles cast on 22 sts. Work 7 sts st st, 12sts cable patt, 3sts st st for 2rows. Cont in patt as set casting on 2 sts at beg of next RS row, then inc 1 st at beg of next 2 RS rows.

OVERALL MEASUREMENTS









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Ragian

When work measures 12cm (4%in) (20 rows] cast off 3sts at her of next RS row then dec 2sts at beg of next 2 RS rows. then 1 stat beg of next 10 RS rows. AT THE SAME TIME: NECK

When work measures 2Scm (9%in) [42] rows) cast off 4sts at beg of next WS row. then 2sts at beg of next WS row. Cast off

TOP SECTION: RIGHT FRONT Work as for Left Front, rev all shapings. RIGHT SLEEVE

Uking 6.5mm needles cast on 39 sts Work 6 sts st st.12sts cable patt, 3sts st st.12sts cable part, 6sts st st for 2rows. Then cast on 2sts at beg of next 4 rows, then inc 1 st at each end of foll RS row 49 sts Raglan

When work measures 5cm (2in) [8 rows] cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 2 sts at each end of next 2 RS rows. then 1 st at each end of next 10 RS rows.

Cont to dec 1 st at end of every RS row twice but AT THE SAMETIME cast off 5 sts at beg of next RS row, then 4 sts at beg of next 2 RS rows. LEFT SLEEVE

Work as Right Sleeve, rev ragian shaping.

Using 5.5mm needles cast on 74 sts. Work in 2/2 rib for Scm (2in) [10 rows]. Change to 6.5mm needles and cont in st st, casting off 1st at beg of next 2 rows, then work 2 rows straight, then cast off 1 st at beg of next 6 rows, then 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Cont in st st on the rem 62 sts. When work measures 19cm (71/sin) [34 rows] cast off S sts at beg of next 6 rows then cast off rem 32 sts.

TOP SECTION: LEFT BORDER

Using 5.5mm needles pick up 36 sts along left front edge, Work in 2/2 rib starting with k3 for Scm (2in) [10 rows] then cast off all sts.

TOP SECTION: RIGHT BORDER Using 5.5mm needles pick up 36 sts

along left front edge. Work in 2/2 rlb starting with k3 for 2.5cm (1in) [6 rows] then make three 2 st buttonholes, the 1st 3 sts from the end, the others at 12 st spacings. When work measures 5cm (2in) [10 rows] cast off all sts.



To make a 2 st buttonhole, cast off 2 sts in required position on 1st buttonhole row and work to end. For 2nd row, work to cast off sts. cast on 2 and work to end

TO MAKE UP

Join ragian seams. Fold the hood in half and sew the seam from A to B. Sew the hood to top of neck, leaving 2cm (¾in) free at each edge of front.

At bottom of the top section of body and sleeves, pick up 255 sts using 5.5mm needles 190 sts from bottom and side of left front and left sleeve, 75 from left side bottom and right side of back, and 90 from right sleeve, side and bottom of right front), work 2 rows of a st then cast off all sts knitwise.

Sew 3 big buttons onto the left front border, then 1 small button to each edge of the front under the ragian, to keep the back and front together.

At bottom of back make 4 buttonholes (without cutting thread) at regular spacings and 2 at the bottom of the front. Sew 8 small buttons to the top of the bottom section, lining up with buttonholes on top section.

CARLE PATTERN



= purl on right side, knit on wrong side = knit on right side, purl on wrong side

= 4CR

= 4CL

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ROWAN

Moonbeam

This pretty wrapover cardi by Martin Storey is perfect for special occasions. It's worked in Cashsoft Baby DK, one of Rowan's softest yarns

imple and elegant, this charming wrapover cardiglen it smooth enough to wear for the most special of occasions, such as weddings. It's sure to become a favourite with both baby and parents. And even better than all that? It's easy to knill

The body is worked in stocking stitch, and the rib and garter stitch edging are still simple, but provide an excellent contrast. The cardigan is knitted in Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK, which is known for its softness and comes in a

range of soft, pastel colour

You can knit this cardi to fit bables aged from newborn to two years old —we provide the yarn requirements for each size, along with finished measurements for the cardigan, on page 43. If your baby is smaller or bigg than average and you're not sure which size to knit, refer to the measurements diagram and choose the size closest to the baby's body circumference. Then add or reduce rows to obtain the desired length.

About the yers

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3-5x50g balls Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK in Cloud shade 805 (see yarn quantity guide on next page) 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm

(UK 8/US 6) knitting needles

on 4mm needles

Approviations

For standard abbreviations see page 89



The neckband should be shorter than the corresponding part of the cardi, so the curves at the neck lie flat, which they will do if they're being stretched. Pin the band in place before you cast off

It's in the detail

On an increase row, work the increase after the first stitch and after the second last stitch. This keeps the end stitches even for a neater edge, and also makes



MOONBEAM CARDI

BACK
Using 3.25mm needles cast on 55 (57: 59: 61: 63: 65: 67) sts.

Row 1: (RS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end. Row 2: P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end. These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib for a further 12 (12: 14: 14: 16: 16: 16) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 26 (28: 28: 34: 34: 36: 38) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Back should measure 13.5 (14: 14.5:

next row. Back should measure 13.5 (14: 14.5: 16.5: 17.5: 18: 18.5) cm or 5¼ (5½: 5½: 6½: 7:7: 7¼) in. Shape ragian armholes

Shape raglan armholes Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 51 (53: 55: 57: 59: 61: 63) sts.

Sizes 2 and 3 years only

Next row: (RS) K2, sl 1, K1, psso, K to last 4 sts,
K2too. K2. - (-: -: -: -: 59, 61) sts.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.
Next row: Knit.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.
All sizes
Next row: (R5) K2, sl 1, K1, psso, K to last 4 sts, K2toa. K2.

Next row: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2. Rep last 2 rows 15 (16: 17: 17: 18: 17: 18) times more, ending with R5 facing for next row. Cast off rem 19 (19: 21: 21: 23: 23) sts.

LEET ERONT

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55) sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 14 (14: 16: 16: 18:

18: 18) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles. Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 row ending with R5 facing for next row. Shape front slope

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 11 (12: 12: 15: 15: 16: 17) alt rows. 31 (32: 34: 33: 35: 36: 37) sts. Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape ragian armhole
Cast off 2 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next
row 28 (29: 31: 30: 32: 33: 34) sts

row. 28 (29: 31: 30: 32: 33: 34) sts. Work 1 row.

Working all ragian armhole decreases as set by back, de: 1 st a rigain armhole degle of next and 0 (0.6.0.0:1:1) foil 4th rows, then on foil 11 (11:12:13:12:13) alt rows and at same time dec: 1 st at front slope edge of next and foil 11 (11:12:11:12:13:12) alt rows, then on 0 (0.00:0.0:0:0) iii did throw 4 (5.5:5:5:5:5:5) st. Work 1 row, ending with 18 faing for next row. Size 0-3 months only

Next row: K1, sl 1, K2tog, psso. 2 sts.

Sizes 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, 24 and 36 months only

Next row: K2, sl 1, K2tog, psso. 3 sts. Next row: P1, K2.

Next row: K1, sl 1, K1, psso. 2 sts.
All sizes
Next row: (W5) K2.
Next row: K2tog and fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55) sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 14 (14: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18) rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm needles. Beg with a Krow, work in st st for 2 rows,

ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape front slope
Dec 1 stat beg of next and foll 11 (12:12:15:
15: 16: 17) alt rows. 31 (32:34:33:35:36:37) sts.

Complete to match left front, reversing

shapings.

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 29 (31: 31: 33: 33: 35: 35) etc

33: 35: 35) sts.
Work in the as given for back for 8 (8: 10: 10: 12: 12: 12) may ending with BS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm needles. Beg with a Krow, work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next (next: next: next: next: next: and: 3rd) and foll 2 (0:0.0 to 0:0.0) rows, then on foll 8 (7:6:3:3:0.0) alt rows, then on 0 (2:5:7:8:11:10) foll 4th rows, 51 (53:5:5:5:7:59:

61) sts. Cont straight until sleeve measures 11.5 (14: 16.5: 18.5: 20.5: 23: 25.5) cm or 4½ (5½: 6½: 7½

16.5: 18.5: 20.5: 23: 25.5) cm or 4½ (5½: 6½: 7½: 8: 9: 10) in, ending with RS facing for next row. Shape ragian

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 47 (49: 51: 51: 53: 55: 57) sts.

Working all ragian decreases as given for back ragian armholes, dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 21 sts rem.

t Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Left sleeve only

Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then cast off

Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row. 15 sts. Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then cast off 5 sts at beg of foll row. 9 sts.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll row.

Right sleeve only
Cast off 5 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next

Cast off 5 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row. 15 sts.

Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows once more. 9 sts.

Cast off 4 sts at beg and dec 1 st at end of next row Work 1 row Roth sleeves

Cast off rem 4 sts

MAKING LIP

Press, Join all ragian seams using back stitch, or mattress stitch if preferred. Front hand

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 6 sts

Row 1: (RS) SI 1, K5,

Rep this row until band, when slightly stretched and beg and ending at cast-on

edges, fits up entire right front opening edge. across top of right sleeve, then back neck, then left sleeve, then down entire left front opening edge, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

Slip stitch band in place. Ties (make 2)

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 6 sts. Row 1: (RS) SL1. K5.

Rep this row until tie measures 29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 35) cm or 111/; (11%: 12%: 12%: 13: 13%: 13%) in. ending with WS facing for next row. Cast off knitwise (on WS)

Sew one end of each tie to front opening edge just about beg of front slone shaping. Finishing

Block out each piece of knitting and, following the instructions on the ball band, press the garment pieces, omitting the ribs. Dam in all ends neatly along the selvedge edge. Stitch pieces together using a seam stitch such as hackstitch or mattress stitch for all

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main knitting seams. Join all the ribs and the neckband using mattress stitch.



25 [26: 27: 27.5: 28.5: 29.5: 30.5] cm (10 [10: 10%: 11: 11: 11%: 12] in)

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dknit Cotton, Calmer, Denim, Fine Milk Cotton: Cashsoft DK and Rahy Cashsoft DK inside an Miniature Classics, £7.95. For stockists





No. will read

2 (2: 3: 3)×50g balls Debbie Bliss Rialto DK in Burnt Drange 32 (A) and 1 in each in Terracotta 25 (B), Stone 06 (C) and Chocolate 05 (D)

Terelo

22 striches and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abb prescrientions

a forstandard abbreviations see page 89



When 2-colour knitting, weave in the yarn not

in use at the back of the work. For larger blocks of colour use separate balls of wool on either side

this in the detail Knitting the sleeves from the top down and using short row shaping on the collar are just two of the



Sizing guide

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

| ed. | | 6-9 months | 9-12 months | 12-18 months | 18.24 months |
|---------------|----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chest | cm | 56 | 60 | 66 | 72 |
| Cilest | in | 22 | 231/2 | 26 | 281/4 |
| Length | cm | 25 | 28 | 31 | 34 |
| to shoulder | in | 10 | 11 | 121/4 | 131/2 |
| Sleeve Length | cm | 16 | 18 | 19 | 21 |
| Sieeve Length | in | 61/4 | 7 | 71/2 | 81/4 |

erhaps baby's birthday falls in the winter, or you want to knit them a beautiful Christmas gift? If so, you're looking at it! This retro jacket is something they'll love to wear, and the unusual shawl-style lapels (often seen on dinner jackets) make it more grown-up than your average baby garment. To produce the moose motifs you'll work from charts; follow them by reading and working odd-numbered right-side rows from right to left, and even-numbered wrong-side rows from left to right.

RETRO JACKET

BACK With 3.25mm

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 63 (69: 75: 81) sts

Row 1: (RS) K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Row 2: P1, [k1, p1] to end. Rep the last 2 rows twice more, inc one stat centre of last row.

64 (70: 76: 82) sts.
Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a k row, work in st st. Work 24 (28: 32: 36) rows. Work 2 rows 8, 4 rows C.

Place charts
Row 1: (RS) K8 (10: 12: 14) C, kacross 19 sts of 1 st
row of Chart 1, k10 (12: 14: 16) C, kacross 19 sts of

1st row of Chart 2, k8 (10: 12: 14) C. **Row 2:** P8 (10: 12: 14) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd row of Chart 2, p10 (12: 14: 16) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd

row of Chart 1, p8 (10, 12, 14) C.
These 2 rows set the position of the charts and are

repeated, working correct chart rows, until all 18 rows have been completed.

Work 4 rows C. 2 rows 8, Cont in A only, Work 16

(20: 26: 30) rows. Shape shoulders

Cast off 21 (23: 25: 27) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Leave rem 22 (24: 26: 28) sts on a spare needle.

LEFT FRONT

With 3.25mm needles and A, cast on 31 (35: 37: 41) sts.

Row 1: (RS) P1, [k1, p1] to end. Row 2: K1, [p1, k1] to end. Rep the last 2 rows twice more, inc one stat centre of last row on 1st and 3rd sizes only, 32 (3s; 38: 41) sts. Change to 4mm (JS 6) needles.

8eg with a k row, work in st st. Work 24 (28: 32: 36) rows. Work 2 rows 8. 4 rows C**.

rows. work 2 rows 8, Place chart

Row 1: (RS) K8 (10, 12, 14) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 1, k5 (6, 7, 8) C.

Row 2: PS (6:7:8) C, p across 2nd row of Chart 1, p8 (10:12:14) C. These 2 rows set the position of the chart

Shape front neck

Snape front neck

Cont to work in patt from chart and at the same
time, decone st at neck edge on next row and
every foll 3rd row, until all 18 chart rows are

complete.

Contto dec on every 3rd row and work 4 rows C, 2 rows 8 then cont in A only, until 21 (23: 25: 27) sts rem. Cont without further shaping until the same number of rows have been worked as on 8ack to houlder shaping. so entiling until the 10 row. Cast Off

21 (23: 25: 27) sts for shoulder.

RIGHT FRONT Work as given for Left Front to **.

Place chart

Row 1: (RS) K5 (6: 7: 8) C, k across 19 sts of 1st row of Chart 2, k8 (10, 12, 14) C.

Row 2: P8 (10, 12, 14) C, p across 19 sts of 2nd row of Chart 2, p5 (6: 7:8) C. Complete as given for Left Front, reversing shaping and ending with a k row before shoulder cast-off loin choulder ceams

Place a marker, 30 (33: 36: 39) rows down from each shoulder seam. With R5 facing, 4mm needles and A. pick up and k47 (51: 55: 59) sts evenly between markers.

Reg with a n row work 7 (7-7-9) rows in st st. Break off A

Decreasing one stat each end of next row, work 2 rows in R 45 (49: 53: 57) sts.

Work 2 rows C.

Place chart Row 1: With C. skno. k14 (16: 18: 20), k across 13 sts.

of 1st row of Chart 3, with C, k14 (16: 18: 20), k2tog, 43 (47: 51: 55) sts.

Row 2: P15 (17:19:21) C, p across 13sts of 2nd row of Chart 3, p15 (17: 19: 21) C.

Work 2 more rows.

Cont in this way to end of chart and decone stat. each end of the next row and 2 foll 4th rows (chart complete) Cont to dec at each end of every foil 4th row.

working 2 rows C and 2 rows B, then cont in A only until 29 (31: 33: 35) sts rem, so ending with a k row. Next row: (W5) P to end and decone stat centre of row, 28 (30: 32: 34) sts.

Change to 3.25mm needle. Rib row: [K1. p1] to end.

Rep this row 11 times more. Cast off in rib.

FRONT BANDS AND COLLAR

Join shoulder seams.

With RS facing, 3.25mm needles and B, pick up and k 33 (36: 39: 42) sts evenly along right front to beg of neck shaping, 33 (36: 39: 42) sts to right shoulder, work across 22 (24: 26: 28) sts at back neck as follows, k1 (2: 3: 4), [m1, k2] 10 times, m1, k1 (2: 3: 4), then pick up and k33 (36: 39: 42) sts down left front to beg of neck shaping and 33 (36: 39: 42) sts to cast-on edge. 165 (179: 193: 207) sts. Next row: (W5) P1, (k1, p1) to end. This row sets the rib.

Shane collar

Next 2 rows: Rib to last 65 (72: 79: 86) sts. turn. Next 2 rows: Rib to last 61 (68: 75: 82) sts. turn. Next 2 rows: Rib to last 57 (64: 71: 78) sts. turn. Cont in this way for a further 12 (14: 18: 20) turning rows, working an extra 4 sts, as before. on each row.

Next row: (RS) Rib to end Next row: Rib across all sts.

Buttonhole row: (RS) Rib 3, [vrn. rib 2toq, rib 7 (8: 9: 10) sts] 3 times, ym, rib 2tog, rib to end.

Rlb one row. Change to D. Rib one row

Cast off in rib



TO MAKE UP

Join the side and sleeve seams, matching up the strines. Sew on the buttons.

25 (28:31:34) cm 10 (11:12%:13%) ir

MEASUREMENTS. Back & fronts



113½ (12½: 13¾: 14½) in



CHART 2

CHART 1





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Val Pierce

The veteran designer and talented knitter speaks of her enviable career, and helps other obsessed knitters follow in her footsteps...

al Pierce comes from a creative family and learned to knit at a young age. She began her knitting career pattern checking and making test garments for yam companies. With a talent for the craft, she soon began designling her own garments, which were snapped up by knitting mags.

Now, with a number of books under her belt and more in the pipeline, her classic designs and quality style have gained her a huge following. Best of all, after many years in the business, she's no less passianate about knitting than she was the day she began.



We love this striped cowl neck sweater that Val designed for issue 46 af Knit Taday

When diffyour first pick up op op'n' of needles? It was actually my dad who abught me to kink when Iwas five Once I got the hang of it need rodes back i took my knitting everywhere with me on the bas and on holding. I was even caught shritting in class once and I had to stay in during break as gumidliment Every Saturday I used my podet money to buy year. To kint all day until it was gone, then Id have to wait a whole week until could buy mount of the pick of ment of buy were until could buy mount of ment of buy were until could buy mount of ment of

"I used my pocket money to buy yarn – I'd knit all day until it was gone, then I'd have to wait a whole week until I could buy more"

Whot's your fovourite gorment of all the ones you've designed?

My favourite project is always the one I'm working on, although I love baby garments, toys and accessories, since they can be made to look so cute. I particularly like a Scandinavian children's outfit made for Knit Today last year. Other personal favourites include William and Kate bears and a toddlers' striped cowl neck sweater.

Describe o typical day in your life
I settle down at 8am to work on projects or
pattern writing. I write patterns early as I'm
more alert and less likely to make typos!

The day rarely turns out how I expect since I frequently get phone calls, emails and letters from readers of my books asking for help with a particular project. After Junch, more often than not I pop down to my local craft shop for ribbons, buttons, sequins and other pretty things to finish off my designs.

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I finish work around 5 mm, have dinner
and tend to my family and beloved dogs.

Depending on how busyl am, it's not unusual
for me to start work again in the evening.
It's no chore to me though – I really do love
every second of what I do.

Who has been you coreer highlight so for? Writing my first book and seeing it published was the ultimate goal in my quest to be a designer. Even more exciting, the book turned out to be hugely popular and sold many thousands of copies. I remember thinking to myself when writing it. What if no one busy lift? But then idecled even if they didn't, Id still achieved something Id.

How does it feel to see your designs in print? It never ceases to delight me, and I feel very privileged to be able to share my passion with like-minded folk around the world. I am hypercritical of my work though, so I often scrutinise photos to make sure everything looks as I would have liked!

Whot's the worst thing obout your job? Every designer knows what it's like to work to deadlines—great if everything goes to plan, but very often yam can be delayed, or patterns don't turn out as you'd hoped. All these things can take time and often knitting late into the night has to be done to get a design in on time.

Whot inspires you?

My ideas come from many sources - places, people, the wonderful colours in the scenery



Val's adarable William & Kate wedding bears appeared in issue 59 of Knit Taday

around me. If I'm making a toy I always research the animal I'm working on, looking at the stance, the colours and the eyes. I also carry a sketchbook with me wherever I go, so if an idea comes to mind I can jot it down.

What's your advice for budding designers? If you have a passion for your hobby, follow it. There are sure to be setbacks and refusals along the way, but never give up. Don't worry about what other people say - everyone has to start somewhere. I look back at the things I made when I first began and smile to myself when I see how much I've progressed over the years. Above all, enjoy what you do.

"I look back at the things I made when I first began and smile to myself when I see how much I've progressed"

What's next for you?

I would love to have my own range of quality knitting varns, which are not too expensive to buy. I'm always grateful to the wonderful knitters and crocheters who enjoy making my designs, and as long as they continue to do so. I'm more than happy to carry on designing patterns for them.



Toasty tootsies

Using toning shades of pale green yarn, even beginners can knit these cute little slippers in just an evening



1x50g ball Sirdar Tiny Tots DK in Smoothie shade 975 (4) 1x50a ball Sirdar Snuggly DK in

Wobble shade 403 (R) Oddments of cream, brown and black varn for doggies' heads

3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/USS) knitting needles Small amount of toy stuffing

To fit a 3-6 month old baby

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square. on 3.75mm needles

M1 Make a stitch by picking up strand of varn between stitches and knitting into back of it

For standard abbreviations, see page 89

eep baby's feet and toes cosy in these adorable slippers. They'll enjoy playing with them as much as they will wearing them! The slippers themselves are knitted separately from the doggies' heads, so if you want to add an alternative embellishment you can - just be sure to check that it conforms with toy safety standards first.

Make two alike Using 3.75mm needles and vam A. cast on 27 sts.

Knit 1 row Work shaning as follows: Row 1: K2 (M1 k11 M1 k1) twice k1 (31 sts).

Pour 2: Knit Row 3: K2. M1. k12. M1. k3. M1. k12. M1. k2 (35 sts).

Row 4: Knit Row S: K2, M1, k13, M1, K5, M1, k13, M1, k2 (39 sts).

Row 6: Knit Row 7: K2 M1 k14 M1 k7 M1 k14 M1 k2 (43 sts)

Break off yarn A. Join in yarn B and work picot

Next row: Bea knit work 4 rows st st.

Next row: K1. *vfwd.k2too*, rep from * to * to end

of row Next row: Purl.

Work 2 more rows in st st. Break varn B. Change to varn A and work 12 rows in garter stitch.

Shape instep Row 1: K26. turn. Row 2: K9 turn

Row 3: K8. k2tog, turn. Row 4: K8, k2tog tbl. turn.

Ren last 2 rows 5 times more Next row: K9, then knit across remaining sts on

left-hand needle. Next row: Knit across all stitches, decreasing 1 st

in contra of row (30 sts) Now knit 2 rows in parter stitch across all stitches.

Change to vam B and work in k2, n2 rib for 23 rows. Change to vam A and work 2 rows in k2, p2 rib. Cast off loosely in rib.

DOGGIE'S HEAD

Make two alike. Using 3.25mm needles and cream yarn, cast on 4 sts. Purl 1 row.

Next row: (RS) Inc in each st to end (8 sts). Next row: Purl

Next row: Inc in each st to end (16 sts). Next row: Purl.

Work 6 rows in st st Next row: (K2tog) 8 times (8 sts).

Next row: Purl Next row: (K2tog) 4 times (4 sts).

Next row: Purl. Do not cast off. Run thread through remaining stitches, draw up tight and secure. Stitch seam but

add stuffing as you do. Close seam, Take a bluntended needle and thread vam through every stitch on the 6th row of st st before the first dec row. Draw up quite firmly, to form the muzzle of the dog Easten off

FAPS on 2 sts

Make four alike.

Using 3.25mm needles and brown varn, cast

Knit 1 row

Next row: Inc in each st (4 sts). Next rour Knit

Next row: Inc in first st. k2. inc in last st (6 sts).

Now work 4 rows in garter stitch. Next row: K2tog, k2, k2tog (4 sts). Next row: (K2tog) twice (2 sts).

Next row: K2toq and fasten off.

Work in all the ends. Working from wrong side of piece, fold picot edging together, sew the first and last rows in varn B knitting together, matching stitch for stitch. This will form the pointed picot edge on the right side of the slipper.

Sew slipper foot and back seams. Fold over ribbed top in half to form cuff. To complete doggie's head, sew ears to either side of the head, as shown in photograph. Refer to photograph and use black yarn to embroider nose, eyes and mouth. Stitch heads very firmly to slipper fronts.



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Simon Snak

And what noise does a snake make? Playtime will be even more enjoyable with Laura Long's Fair Isle toy



LOVE KNITTING 55

You will need

- dark green (A), 1 in blue (B), 1 in pink (C), 1 in red (D) and 1 in light green (E) Oddments of white (F) and black (G) varn
- 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 6mm (UK 4/US 10) circular needle
- 3x6mm (UK 4/US 10) double-pointed needles

90cm (35%in) long

Transac

16 sts and 21 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 6mm needles. Don't worry if the gauge isn't exact — it doesn't matter if Simon is a little bigger or smaller than shown

Net

You will be knitting with 2 strands of yam throughout for the head and body. You start the snake from the straight part of the tail end, but not from the very end. This is finished later. Stuff the snakes head and body while you knit, the long of the tube of the body becomes, the harder if will be to stuff.



It's in the detail

When you're knitting in the round (i.e. on a circular needle), you should always use a length of waste yarn to mark the start of each row, and carry it up through your work.



et your needles out and practise your Fair Isle technique – it's this that creates the patterning on Simon's body. His long, narrow body is knitted in the round using a circular needle, with double-pointed needles for the tip of the tall. You could knit his whole body in stripes if you prefer, using yarn oddments from your stash.

SNAKE

BODY
Using waste yarr, cast on 32 sts on a 6mm
circular needle (this provisional cast-on will be
removed later). Use a length of waste yarn to mark

removed later). Use a length of waste yam to mark the start of each row (see lt's in the detail, below left). K 4 rows

Change to yam A using 2 strands. Cont using 2 strands for the entire snake in all colours.

Row 2: K.

Row 4: Start pattern using the chart, right (this is an 8-row pattern), Joining In yarn 8 on row 2.

Rep these 8 pattern rows 13 times (14 colour bands in all). The colour order is 8, C, D, C, 8, E, repeating until

you get to the head.

HEAD (CONT FROM BODY)

Row 1: Using yarn A k7, kfb, kfb, k14, kfb, kfb, k7. Row 2: K.

Row 3: K8, kfb, kfb, k16, kfb, kfb, kfb, k8.

Row 4: K.
Row 5: K9, kfb, kfb, k18, kfb, kfb, k9. (44 sts).

Row 17: K8, skpa, k2, k2tog, k16, skpa, k2, k2tog, k8. Row 18: K.

Row 19: K7, skpo, k2, k2tog, k14, skpo, k2, k2tog, k7.
Row 20: K

Row 20: K. Row 21: K6, skpo, k2, k2tog, k12, skpo, k2, k2tog, k6.

Row 22: K. Row 23: K5, skpo, k2, k2tog, k10, skpo, k2, k2tog, k5.

Row 24: K. Row 25: K4, skpo, k2, k2tog, k8, skpo, k2, k2tog, k4.

Row 26: K. Row 27: K3, skpp., k2, k2tog, k6, skpp, k2, k2tog, k3,

Row 28: K. Row 29: K2, skpa, k2, k2tog, k4, skpa, k2, k2tog, k2. 16 sts.

Row 30: K. 8ind off

TAIL

Unravel the waste yam from the start of the snake and slip the green stitches back onto the circular needles. Make sure you start on the 1st stitch. Keep stuffing the snake as you go along; as you knit, the hole becomes smaller and smaller, and you won't be able to stuff it in one qo at the end.

FAIR ISLE CHART



Contrast colour

Again, remember to use a length of waste yam to

mark the start of each row. Row 1: Using yarn E, k. 32 sts.

Row 2: K.
Row 3: Using yarn A, k.

Row 4: (k6, k2tog) 4 times. 28 sts. Row 5: Using varn 8. k.

Row 5: Using yarn 8, k.

Row 6: K.

Row 7: Using yam A, k.

7. Row 8: [k5, k2tog] 4 times. 24 sts.

Row 9: Using yarn Ck.
Row 10: K.
Row 11: Using yarn A la

Row 11: Using yam A, k. Row 12: [k4, k2tog] 4 times. 20 sts.

Row 13: K. Row 14: K.

Row 15: Using yam D, k. Row 16: [k3, k2tog] 4 times. 16 sts.

Row 17: K.

Row 18: K. Because you have only a few stitches now, we

would advise changing to 3 double-pointed needles instead of the circular needle, as the work will be easier to manage. Divide your stitches equally onto 2 of the needles and knit with the 3rd needle.

Row 19: [k2, k2tog] 4 times. 12 sts.

Row 20: K.

Row 22: [k1, k2tog] to end of row. 8 sts. Row 23: K.

Row 23:



Row 24: K. Row 25: K. Row 26: K. Row 27: K.

Pull yarn through rem sts.

EYES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts with a single strand of yarn A using

4mm knitting needles.

Row 1: Kfb in each st. 8 sts. Row 2: P

Row 3: Kfb in each st. 16 sts.

Row 4: P

Cont in st st for 4 rows. Row 9: Using yam F, k.

Row 10: P. Row 11: K2tog to end of row.

Row 12: Using yarn G, p.

Row 13: K2tog to end of row.

Thread yarn through needle to close.

FINISHING TOUCHES

tongue

Using the template, left, cut the snake's tongue from red felt and stitch it into the gap at the front of the head. Close the gap with the tongue included. Sew eyes onto the head (as shown in the photo). Embroider little nose details.

p.

More ideas...

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Heart warmer

Susie John's pretty crossover top can be worn over a T-shirt, dress or romper suit to keep your little girl warm. The border of hearts and cord tie make pretty finishing touches

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2 (2: 2)x50q balls Sublime 8aby Cashmere Merino Silk DK in Mousse shade 121 (A) and

1 (1: 1) in Jammy shade 102 (8) 2.75mm (ilk 12/lis 2) and 3.25mm

(UK 10/ US 3) knitting needles 2x3mm (UK 11/US 2) double-pointed

knitting needles Tapestry needle 1x12mm (½in) button

Sewing needle Sewing thread to match yarn

To fit 3 (6: 9) months Actual size: width across back 23 (25.5: 28.5) cm or 9 (10: 11%) in

23 sts and 30 rows to 4in (10cm) square over st st. on 3.25mm needles

The chart shows you the 8-stitch pattern to regeat for the heart border. In addition, the number of edge stitches needed at the beginning and end of the band is marked for each size. So, if you are knitting, for example, the 1st size, on the first row (which is a knit rowl work the first 3 sts as indicated from the right of the chart, then repeat the 8-stitch marked section until you reach the last 9 stitches on the left-hand needle. Then work the last 9 stitches as indicated

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CROSSOVER TOP

BACK

With 2.75mm needles and vam A. cast on 52 (58: 64) sts

Row 1: [P1 k1] to end Rep this row 7 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles Beg with a krow, work in stst (1 row knit, 1 row

puril for 4 iows Join in varn B and work 5 rows of chart.

Cont in yarn A, work a further 3 (7: 11) rows in st st stitch with no further shaping.

Shape armholes Next roun Cast off 3 sts k to end 49 (55:61) sts Next rour Cast off 3 sts in to end 46 (52:58) sts Next row: Cast off 2 sts.k to end. 44 (50: 56) sts. Next row: Cast off 2 sts, p to end. 42 (48: 54) sts. Dec 1 st at beg of next 4 (6: 8) rows, 38 (42: 46) sts. Cont in st st without further shaping, until work measures 17 (19:21) cm or 6¾ (7½:8¾) in from cast-on edge, ending with a purl row.

Shape shoulder and neck Row 1: Cast off 5 (6:7) sts, then k 7 (8:9) sts, turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

Row 2: Cast off 3 sts. p to end. 5(6:7) sts. Cast off rem sts. Rejoin yarn to sts on holder. Next row: Cast off 12 (12: 12) sts. k to end.

13 (15:17) sts. Next row: Cast off 5 (6: 7) sts into end 8 (9: 10) sts. Next row: Cast off 3 sts, k to end, 5(6:7) sts.

Cast off rem sts.

RIGHT FRONT With 2.75mm needles and vam A. cast-on 52 (58:64) sts

Row 1: [P1, k1] to end. Rep this row 7 times more.

Change to 3.25mm needles. Beg with a k row, work in st st stitch for 4 rows. Join in vam B and work 2 rows of chart. Starting on 3rd row of chart, beg front shaning:

cast off 2, k to end. 50 (56: 62) sts Complete 4th row of chart, dec 1 at front edge. 49 (55: 61) sts

On 5th row of chart dec 1 k to end Cont in varn A, work in st st stitch dec 1 st on front edge on every row for a further 4 (8: 12) rows,

ending with a knit row. Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row, 2 sts at beg of next alt row and 1 st on armhole edge of next 2 (3:4) alt rows at the same time, dec 1 st on front edge of every row until 10 (12: 14) sts rem. Cont without further shaping until Front matches Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge. Shape shoulder

Cast off 5 (6:7) sts at beg of next row. 5 (6:7) sts Work 1 row. Cast off rem sts.

LEET EPONT

Work as for Right Front, but reversing shaping.

ROPDERS

Armhola bande

Stitch shoulder seams With right side facing, using 2.75mm needles and varn A. pick up and knit 73 (79: 85) sts around armhole edge

Row 1: K1, [p1, k1] to end. Row 2: P1. [k1. p1] to end.

Ren row 1 once more Cast off in rib

Ren for second armhole.

Front borders and neck Stitch side seams

Fold ribbing on lower edge in half to WS and slip stitch cast-on edge to last row of ribbing. With R5 facing, using 2,75mm needles and vam A, and starting on 2nd st up from folded edge, pick up and knit 7 sts un straight edge on Right Front, 55. (61: 67) sts up Right Front sloping edge to shoulder. 22 (24: 26) sts across back neck. 55 (61: 67) sts down Left Front sloping edge, and 8 sts down. straight edge on Left Front, 147 (161: 175) sts.

Row 1: K1. [p1. k1] to end. Row 2: P1. [k1. p1] to end. Ren row 1 once more Cast off in rib.

CORD TIF

With 3mm double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts. Row 1: K3. do not turn but slide sts to other end of needle. Rep row 1, pulling yarn tightly across back of work, until work measures 45cm (17%in). Cartoff

5titch centre of cord in place on outside, at base of laft sida saam

TO FINISH

Weave in any loose ends neatly. On comer of left front make a buttonhole loop in matching varn. 5titch a button on inside, at base of right side seam, to correspond with loop.

CHART



Main colour (A)

Contrast colour (8)



You will rood

- 1x50g ball Debbie Bliss Rialto DK in Black (A) and 1 in Ecru (B)
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) knitting needles
- Tapestry needle
- Washable toy stuffing
- 12x24cm (4½x9½in) of fabric (optional) 1m (1vd) of ricrac braid (ontional)

2Scm (10in) high

25 sts and 56 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.25mm needles

All parts worked on 3,25mm needles Pattern is worked in 2-row a st stripes of A and B. Use a washable, flame retardant, non toxic toy stuffing that adheres to UK and EU safety regs (BSS852, BS1425, EN71, PT2). For optional apron, follow cutting quide (far right), edge with ricrac and use ricrac for strap and ties

Abbrovia tions

- M1 Make a stitch by picking up strand of varn between stitches and knitting into back of it
- s2togkpo slip next 2 sts tog, k1, then pass slipped sts over knit st
- For standard abbreviations see page 89

It's in the detail

Use M1 for neat, unobtrusive increases in parter and stocking stitch. M1 means 'make 1'. Do this by picking up the bar of varn between the stitch you've just knitted (now on right-hand needle) and the stitch vou're about to knit: nick har un with the left needle and knit into the back of it, to form a new stitch.



nspired by the animals of the African savannahs, there's no mistaking this knitted zebra with his distinctive black and white stripes. His luscious mane and swishy tail help make him a welcome addition. to any baby's toy shelf. When finished, you can even dress him up in a smart cotton apron, trimmed with ricrac.

ZERRA TOY

FRONT LEGS (MAKE 2)

Hoof With A cast on 4 sts

Next row: (RS) With A. (kfb) 3 times, k1, 7 sts. D 1 rous A

Next row: With A. (k1, M1, k2, M1) twice, k1. (11 sts).

Beg with a prow, work 2 rows st st in A. Next row: (WS) With A. p3, p2tog tbl. p1, p2tog. p3.9 sts.

Leg K 2 rows B.

K 1 row A

Next row: (W5) With A. k3. (M1, k3) twice Beg with B and cont in garter st stripes of 2 rows B and 2 rows A. k 22 rows, so ending with a 2-row strine in R Leave sts on a holder.

BODY

Front (worked from base upwards) With A, cast on 13 sts and k 1 row.

Next row: (RS) With R. k6, M1, k1, M1, k6, 15 sts. K 1 row B

K 2 muse A Next row: With B. k7. M1. k1. M1. k7. 17 sts. K1 row B

K 2 rous A Beg with B. k a further 22 rows in 2-row stripes, so ending with a R stripe I eave sts on the needle

Back (work exactly as given for Front)

Upper body

With right side facing and A, k across 17 sts of Body Back, k11 sts of Left Front Leg, k17 sts of Body Front, k11 sts of Right Front Leg. 56 sts. K 1 row A

Next row: With B. (skpp. k13, k2tog, skpp, k7, k2toa) twice, 48 sts.

K 1 row R

K 2 rows A.

Next row: With B, (skpo, k3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, skpo, k5, k2tog) twice. 36 sts. K 1 row B

K 2 rows A. Next row: With B, (skpo, k1, skpo, k1, k2toq, k1, k2ton, skno, k3, k2ton) twice, 24 sts.

K 1 row B

K 2 rouse A Next row: With B. (skno. s2tookno. k2too. skno.

k1, k2tog) twice. (12 sts). K 1 mw B

K 2 rows A. Cut vam, thread through rem 12 sts, pull up and secure. Join shaped edges of upper body, then continue to join side seam.

Join rem side seam and join front len seams Stuff front legs and body, leaving cast on body edges open.

HFΔD

K 2 rows B

With A. cast on 5 sts.

Next row: (RS) (Kfb) 4 times, k1. (9 sts).

Next row: (K2, M1) twice, k1, (M1, k2) twice, 13 sts. P 1 rmw

Now work in 2-row garter st stripes of B and A throughout as follows:

Next row: (RS) With A. k1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1.15 sts.

K 9 rows Next row: K4 M1 k1 M1 k5 M1 k1 M1 k4 10 etc

K 11 rows Next row: K4, skpa, skpo, k3, k2toa, k2toa, k4.

15 sts. K1 row

Next row: K3, skpo, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k3. 11 etc

K 1 raw Next row: K1, skpo, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1.

Next row: (WS) Skpo, s2toqkpo, k2toq. 3 sts. Cut yam and thread through rem sts, pull up and secure.

Join seam, leaving a small gap, stuff head lightly, close gap in seam.

Work a few sts in A on the head for the eyes, then work a central stitch in B on each eve.

EARS (MAKE 2) With A. cast on 3 sts. K 2 rows

Next row: 52toakpo.

Fasten off. Sew ears in place to bead.

BACK LEGS (MAKE 2)

With A, cast on 8 sts and p 1 row.

Next row: (RS) (Kfb) 7 times k1 (15 sts).

Next row: (RS) (Kfb) 7 times, k1. (15 sts). P 1 row.

Next row: K1, M1, k4, (M1, k1) 6 times, k3, M1, k1. (23 sts). P.1 row.

Next row: K9, k2tog, k1, skpo, k9. (21 sts). P 1 row.

Next row: K8, k2tog, k1, skpo, k8. (19 sts). Next row: P7, p2tog tbl, p1, p2tog, p7. (17 sts). Next row: K7, s2togkpo, k7. (15 sts).

P1 row.

Next row: K5, k2tog, k1, skpo, k5. (13 sts). P 1 row. Bea with 2 rows in B, k 44 rows in 2-row parter st

stripes of B and A throughout.
Cast off.

Join seam, leaving cast off edges open. Stuff lightly. With seams at the back, sew legs together side-by-side at the top edge.

TO MAKE UP

Position the joined back legs inside the open edge of the body and stitch in place all around, closing all the open edges. Sew head to body. To make the optional arron, cut the fabric

by referring to the cutting diagram, right. Edge with ricrac braid, and add ricrac strap and ties. TAIL

Make a plait with 6 strands of yam, knot the end and cut the strands to finish the tail. Sew to the back of the body.





Horse lovers: turn your zebra into a pony by using just one colour for the main parts, while keeping the nose and hooves black



- cutting line
- --- seam allowance
 - 1cm (½in) square

MANE STEP 1

Thread an 8cm (3¼in) loop of yam through the eye of a needle and insert the point of the needle, from top to bottom, through the bar in the centre of a stitch.

STEP 2
Pull the varn loop through,

then remove the needle. Pass the 2 yam ends through the loop.

STEP 3

Place needle under double yam, above loop, and pull the yam ends to tighten the loop around the yam.

Repeat these steps, working



the mane down the centre back head and partway down the centre back of the body, making sure the yarn is securely held in place, so that it can't be easily removed. You may need to add a couple of stitches in sewing thread to each tuff of hair, to make absolutely sure.



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Being square, this can be folded in half diagonally for swaddling, or opened out to use as a cot cover

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A cellular blanket, like this one from Susie Johns, is the classic choice for keeping baby cosy

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8x50g balls Rowan Cashsoft Baby DK in Snowman shade 800 4mm (UK 8/US 6) circular knitting needle. from 40-100cm (16-40in) Jone Tapestry needle

85v85/m (3316v3316/n) Border: 5cm (2in) wide

17 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in) over moss stitch on 4mm needles

The blanket is made in one piece

Though this blanket is worked in rows, it's advisable to work back and forth on a circular knitting needle, as this accommodates a greater number of stitches than a pair of straight needles, and helps to distribute the knitting's weight more evenly

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It's in the detail

Knitting this blanket in one piece, incorporating the moss borders, makes it the best choice for baby, as there are no uncomfortable seams,



ellular blankets, like this one, are an absolute must for newborn. babies - but not all of the ones available are so beautiful and soft! The cellular fabric, which is punctuated by small holes, is safer to use than a solid blanket as it's easier for baby to breathe through it. And it should keep them nice and cosy, without being too hot.



BABY BLANKET

With 4mm circular needle, cast on 145 sts. Row 1: SI1 knitwise [p1, k1] to end.

Rep row 1 until work measures Som (2in) from cast-on edge. Begin cellular patt

Row 1: SI1 knitwise, [p1, k1] S times, k1, [vo, k2toa] 61 times, k1, [p1, k1] 5 times, from cast-on edge. working back and forth - do not join in the round. Row 2: SI1 knitwise, [p1, k1] 5 times, k124 (or to

Row 3: As row 2. Rows 1-3 form patt, rep until work measures 80cm (311/sin) from cast-on edge, ending with row 2 of patt.

Next row: \$11 knitwise, [p1, k1] to end. Rep last row until work measures 85cm (331/sin) from cast-on edge.

Cast-off knitwise.

Dam in any loose ends neatly.

last 10 sts), [p1, k1] 5 times,

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- 1x50g balls Sirdar Snuggly DK in Lilac shade 219 and 2 In Cream shade 303 3.75mm (UK 9/U5 5) knitting needles
- 3.75mm (UK 9/U5 5) knitting needle 2 lilac buttons 50cm (20in) lilac satio ribbon
- To fit newhorn-3 month old halor

chest 46cm (18in), length 19cm (7½in), sleeve length 15cm (6in)

22 sts and 44 rows to 10cm (4in) square, on 3.75mm needles

MB (make bobble): K1, p1, k1, p1, k1 all into next st to make 5 sts, turn and purl 5, turn, pass 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sts one at a time over first st, then knit into the hark of this st

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It's easy to adjust the length of the sleeves. Work

the lifac part of the sleeve first, as per the pattern,

then switch to cream and work more or less rows,

as required, before shaping the armholes.

ream and pale lilac make a soothing colour combination for this sweet ballet-wrap cardigan. It's a great project for intermediate knitters; the sleeves are plain, while the back and front are worked in an eyelet and bobble pattern. For fort bands are worked as an integral part of each front. Once you've knitted each piece and sewn them all together, add the buttons and satin ribbon ties for the perfect finishing touch.

BALLET-WRAP CARDI

SLEEVES

Make two alike.

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yam, cast on 32 sts. Change to cream yam and work in k1 p1 rib for 10 rows

Change to st st and inc 1 st at each end of 5th and every following 6th row until there are 42 sts on

needle.
Continue in st st without shaping until work
measures 15cm (6in), ending on a purl row.

Shape top
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (36 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last st, k1. Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain. Cast off.

BACK

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 57 sts. Change to cream yarn and work in k1 p1 rib for 10 rows.

Change to st st and work pattern as follows: Rows 1-4: Work in st st.

Row 5: K3, "yfwd, sl1, k1, psso, k8", repeat from * to * to last 4 sts, yfwd, sl1, k1, psso, k2. Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, *k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, s11, k1, psso, k5*, repeat from *to *to last 6 sts, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, s11, k1, psso, k1. Row 8: Purl

Row 9: K3, MB, *k9, MB*, repeat from * to * to last

3 sts, k3. Row 10: Purl.

Rows 11-14: Work in st st.

Row 15: K8. *yfwd, sl1, k1, psso, k8*, repeat from * to * to last 9 sts, yfwd, sl1, k1, psso, k7 . Row 16: Purl.

Row 17: K6, *k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, psso, k5*, repeat from * to * to last st, k1. Row 18: Purl

Row 19: K8, MB, *k9, MB*, repeat from * to * to last 8 sts, k8.

Row 20: Purl.

Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat.

Shape armholes

Keeping pattern correct, cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (51 sts).

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last st, k1. Repeat last 2 rows until 29 sts remain.

Next row: K1, s11, k1, psso, pattern to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, p2tog, pattern to last 3 sts, p2tog.

tbl, k1. Repeat last 2 rows until 13 sts remain. Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and illac yarn, cast on 38 sts. Change to cream yarn and proceed: Row 1: KS (p1, k1) to last st, p1.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to last 4 sts, k4. Repeat last 2 rows once more.

Row 5: K5, (p1, k1) 5 times, p1, ym, p2tog, k1, (p1, k1) 9 times, p1. Repeat row 2 once and then rows 1 and 2 twice

Now work pattern and shape front as follows:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl to last 4 sts, k4. Row 3: K4, sl1, k1 psso, knit to end (37 sts).

Row 3: K4, sl1, k1 psso, knit to end (37 sts).

Row 4: Puri to last 4 sts, k4.

Pour 5: K12 (riskyd ell la preso k9) turico uf

Row 5: K13, (yfivd, s11, k1, psso, k8) twice, yfwd, sl1,k1, psso, k2. Row 6: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 7: K4, sl1, k1, psso, (k5, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, psso) 3 times, k1 (36 sts). Row 8: Purl to last 4 sts, k4. Row 9: K12, MR, (k9, MR) twice, k3.

Row 10: Puri to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 11: K4, sl1, k1, psso, knit to end (35 sts). Row 12: Puri to last 4 sts. k4.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: Puri to last 4 sts, k4. Row 15: K4, sl1, k1, psso, K10, vfvvd, sl1, k1, psso.

k8, yfivd, sl1, k1, psso, k7 (34 st).

Row 16: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 17: K13. (k2toc; vfivd, k1, vfivd, sl1, k1, psso.

k5) twice, k1. Row 18: Purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Row 18: Puri to last 4 sts, k4. Row 18: K4, s11, k1, psso, (k9, MB) twice, k8 (33 sts). Row 20: Puri to last 4 st. k4.

Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat. Shape armholes

Next row: Knit. Next row: Cast off 3 sts, purl to end (30 sts).

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Next row: K4. sl1, k1, psso, pattern to last 3 sts. k2ton k1

Next row: K1, purl to last 4 sts, k4. Keeping pattern correct, decreasing at armhole on alt mws and front inside edge on every 4th

row as before work until 25 sts remain, ending on a M/S row

Next row: K2. vf.vd. k2top. pattern to last 3 sts. k2ton k1

Next row: K1, purl to last 4 sts, k4,

Continue decreasing at armhole and front inside edge as before until 13 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Next row: K10. k2tog. k1. Next row: K1 in 2tors, purl to last 4 sts. k4.

Next row: K4, sl1, k1, psso, k2, k2toq, k1.

Next row: K1, p2ton, p2, k4,

Next row: K5, k2toq, k1. Next row: K1, p2toq, k4,

Next row: K4. k2tog Next row: K2toq, k3 (4 sts).

Work 16 rows in garter stitch on these 4 sts. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and lilac yarn, cast on 38 sts. Change to cream varn and proceed: Row 1: (P1. k1) to last 4 sts. k4.

Row 2: K4. (p1, k1) to end.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 times more. Now work nattern and shape front slope as follows:

Row 1 - Knit Row 2: K4, purl to end.

Row 3: Knit to last 6 sts. k2tog. k4 (37 sts).

Row 4: K4 must to end

Row 5: K3. (vfwd. sl1, k1, psso, k8) 3 times, k4. Row 6: K4, purl to end.

Row 7: K1. (k2toq. yfwd, k1, yfwd, s11, k1, psso, k5) 3 times, k2tog, k4 (36 sts). Row 8: K4 purito end.

Row 9: K3 (MR k9) twice MB k12. Row 10: K4, purl to end.

Row 11: Knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4 (35 sts). Row 12: K4, puri to end.

Pow 13: Knit Row 14: K4, purl to end.

Row 15: (K8, yfwd, sl1, k1, psso) twice, k9, k2tog, k4 (34 sts). Row 16: K4, purl to end.

Row 17: K6, (k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, s11, k1, psso, k5) twice, k8,

Row 18: K4. purl to end. Row 19: K8, (MB, k9) twice, k2tog, k4 (33 sts).

Row 20: K4, purl to end. Note: The last 20 rows set the pattern repeat.

Shape armhole Next row: Cast off 3 sts. pattern to end (30 sts).

Next row: K4, purl to last st, k1. Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, patt to last 6 sts,



k2ton.k4

Next row: K4, purl to last st, k1. Keeping pattern correct, decreasing at armhole

on alt rows and front inside edge on every 4th row as before, work until 13 sts remain, ending on a WS row.

Next row: K1. sl1. k1. pssq. k10.

Next row: K4, p5, p2toq tbl, k1. Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, k2, k2toq, k4.

Next row: K4. p2. p2tog tbl. k1.

Next row: K1, sl1, k1, psso, k5.

Next row: K4, p2tog tbl, k1. Next row: Sl1, k1, psso, k4.

Next row: K3, k2toq, tbl (4 st). Work 16 rows in garter stitch on these 4 sts. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Work in the ends on all the knitted pieces and join the ragian seams neatly. Join the front bands together and stitch them to the remaining neck edge. Join the side and sleeve seams, Attach ribbons and buttons to the cardi, to correspond with the buttonholes.

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and the moment, and that includes ones for babies, tool Not only do they look great, but they're also much easier to dress babies in than sweaters, as there's no need to struggle getting their active arms in the sleeves – Just pop it over their head and you're done.

This pattern is ideal for beginners and intermediate knitters, and it's so much fun to create that it's likely you'll want to make it more than once. We love the colour of this one – the vivid purple is a great choice fo

Twilleys Freedom Gorgeous DK also comes in pastel colours (see lemon, below) if that's what you prefer, as well as some other stronger shades such as Crocus (mauve), Acorn (brown) and Pasley (green).

About the yarn

TWILLEYS FREEDOM GORGEOUS DK

S0g/125m Machine washable at 30°C. £3 20 from Twilleys stockist www.tbramsden.co.uk 01943 872264







You will need

© 1-2x50g balls Twilleys Freedom Gorgeous DK in Cyclamen shade 721 □ 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting peedles

3 buttons

24 stitches and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles





For the scalloped edge, your cast-on and first row can't be too tight. If you usually have a tight cast on, use a bigger size needle and vice versa...

It's in the Octail Short-row shaping is used for the lower edge of the poncho. Once mastered, this technique can be used in many other pieces, such as shaping socks or darts.



Sizing guide

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

| | red | | 0-3 months | 3-6 months | 6-12 months | 12-18 months |
|---------------------|---------------------|----|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Chest · | cm | 41 | 45 | 51 | 56 |
| | cuest . | in | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| | Actual measurement | cm | 63 | 71 | 79 | 88 |
| | (at widest point) | in | 241/2 | 28 | 31 | 341/2 |
| | Length to back neck | cm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Length to Dack neck | | in | 61/2 | 7 | 714 | 734 |
| | | | | | | |

PONCHO

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 156 (178: 200: 222) sts.

Row 1: (WS) Purl.

Row 2: K2, "K1 and slip this st back onto left needle, lift 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th sts on left needle over this st and off left needle, lyfwd] twice, Kst slipped back onto left needle again, K2, rep from "to end.

Row 3: K1, *P2tog, drop next yfwd, [K1, P1, K1, P1] into next yfwd, P1, rep from * to last st, K1. 86 (98: 110: 122) sts

Rows 4 and 5: Knit.

Row 6: (RS) K2 (0: S: 4), K2tog, [K6 (6: S: 5), K2tog] 10 (12: 14: 16) times, K2 (0: 5: 4), 75 (85: 95: 105) sts. Change to 4mm needles.

Row 7: Knit.

These 7 rows complete scallop edging. Now shape lower edge as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K47 (57.65:75), wrap next st (by slipping next st from left needle onto right needle, taking yarn to opposite side of work between needle and then slipping same st back onto left needle – when working back across wrapped sts, work the wrapped st and the loop that wraps it

tog as onest) and turn. **Row 2:** P19 (29: 35: 45), wrap next st and turn. **Row 3:** K24 (34: 40: 50), wrap next st and turn. **Row 4:** P29 (39: 45: 55), wrap next st and turn.

Row 5: K33 (43: 49: 59), wrap next stand turn. Row 6: P37 (47: 53: 63), wrap next stand turn. Row 7: K40 (50: 56: 66), wrap next stand turn.

Row 8: P43 (53: 59: 69), wrap next st and turn. Row 9: K45 (55: 61: 71), wrap next st and turn. Row 10: P47 (57: 63: 73), wrap next st and turn. Row 11: K49 (59: 65: 75), wrap next st and turn. Row 12: P51 (61: 67: 77), wrap next st and turn.

Row 12: P51 (61: 67: 77), wrap next st and turn.
Row 10: P51 (61: 67: 77), wrap next st and turn.
Cont in this way, working 2 more sts on every
row before wrapping next st and turning, until
the foll row has been worked:

Next row: (WS) P71 (81:91:101), wrap next st

and turn. Next row: K to end.

Next row: K to end.

Lower edge shaping is now completed. Starting with a K row, now work in st st as follows:**
Dec 1 st at each end of next 10 (14: 16: 20) rows,

ending with a WS row. 55 (57: 63: 65) sts. Place red marker at beg of last row to denote base of left shoulder opening.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4: 2: 2) rows, ending with a W5 row. 47 (49: 59: 61) sts.
Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 4 rows, 35 (37:

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 4 rows, 35 (43: 45) sts.

Shape back neck

Next row: (RS) cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, K until there are 6 (6: 7: 7) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.
Work on this set of sts only for first side of neck

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row.

Cast off rem 3 (3: 4: 4) sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder, cast off centre 17 (19:21:23) sts, Kto end.

Cast off 3 (3:4:4) sts at beg of next row, then 3 sts

at beg of foll row. Cast off rem 3 (3: 4: 4) sts.

FRONT

Work as given for back to **. Dec 1 st at each end of next 8 (12: 10: 14) rows, ending with a WS row. 59 (61: 75: 77) sts.

For 1st and 2nd sizes only Shape for shoulder band and front neck

Next row: (RS) K2tog, K1, K2tog and turn. Next row: P3tog and fasten off – this fasten-off point matches to red marker along left back shoulder edge.

Rejoin yarn to rem sts with RS facing and now beg neck shaping as follows:

Next row: (RS) K2tog and place blue marker at base of this st, K16 and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.



For a neckline where the shaping 'leans' / the same way, follow K2tog on RS by P2tog (for neck edge of left front). For right front neck edge, follow K2tog through back of loop on k row, by P2tog through back of loop on next row

Cont on this set of 17 sts only for first side. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll alt row and at same time casts of 3 sts at beg of 2nd and foll 2 alt rows, 3 sts. Work 1 row, ending, with a WS row. Cast off rem 3 sts.

For 3rd and 4th sizes only Shape front neck

Next row: (RS) K2tog, K28 and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Cont on this set of 29 sts only for first side. Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, ending with a WS row, 23 sts.

Shape for shoulder band
Next row: (RS) K2tog, K1, K2tog and turn.
Next row: P3tog and fasten off – this fasten-off
point matches to red marker along left back

shoulder edge.
Rejoin yarn to rem sts with RS facing and now cont neck shaping as follows:

contined shaping as follows: Cast off 3 star beg of next row, placing blue marker at base of first cast-off st, then cast off 4 sts at beg of foll 2 alt rows and at same time dec 1 st at neck edge of next and foll 2 alt rows. Work 1 row, ending with a WS row. Cast off rem 4 sts.

For all sizes

Rejoin yam to rem sts with RS facing, cast off centre 13 (15: 15: 17) sts, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. 22 (22: 29: 29) sts. Dec 1 st at side/shoulder edge of next 5 (5: 7: 7) rows and at same time dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 0 (0: 1: 1) alt row.

Dec 1 stat neck edge of next row, ending with a RS row. 12 (12: 16, 16) sts. Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next and foll 2 alt rows.

Cast off 3 (3:4:4) sts at beg of next and foil 2 all rows Work 1 row. Cast off rem 3 (3:4:4) sts.

BACK BUTTON BAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 16 (16: 18: 18) sts evenly along the left back shoulder edge, between the neck and red marker.

Row 1: (WS) K2tog, K to end. 15 (15: 17: 17) sts.

Row 3: As row 1.

Row 4: K to last 2 sts, K2tog. 13 (13: 15: 15) sts. Cast off knitwise (on WS).

FRONT BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 13 (13: 15: 15) sts evenly along left front shoulder edge between blue marker and neck. Row 1: (WS) inc in first st, K to end.

14 (14: 16: 16) sts. Row 2: K4 (4: 5: 5), yfwd, K2tog, K3 (3: 4: 4), yfwd, K2tog, K3.

Row 3: As row 1. Row 4: K to last st. inc in last st. 16 (16: 18: 18) sts.

NECKRAND

Cast off knitwise (on WS).

Join right shoulder/overarm seam. With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, starting at cash of edge of front buttonhole band, plck up and knirt 11 (11-13:13) sts down left side of neck, 13 (15:15:17) sts from front, 11 (11:13:13) sts up right side of neck, 23 (25:27:29) sts from back, then 3 sts from end of back button band, 61 (65:77:75) sts.

Row 1: (WS) knit.

Row 2: K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 3: K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.
These 2 rows form the rib.
Keeping rib correct, cont as follows:

Row 4: (RS) rib 2, yrn, work 2 tog, rib to end. Work in rib for a further 3 rows, ending with a WS row. Cast off in rib.

TO MAKE UP

Join the left shoulder/overarm seam from the "cast-on edge to the red marker. Sew the row-end edge of the front buttonhole band to the shaped edge at the top of the seam.

Lay the buttonhole band over the button band and neatly sew the row-end edge of the button band in place on the inside. Sew on the buttons so they correspond with the buttonholes, to finish.





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- 1x50g half each of Patons Fairytale Colour 4 Me DK in Agua 4957, Pink 4953, Green 4952, Yellow 4960, Red 4967, Blue 4955
- and Orange 4951
- Small amount of black varn for embroidery
- 3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 3.75mm (UK 9/US 5) knitting needles Safety stuffing or 10cm (4in) square

fram blocks

10cm (din) ruhes

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 3.25mm needles Tension isn't critical
- You will need 6 squares for each block
- Abbrensistiano For standard abbreviations, see page 89

About the yarn COLOUR 4 ME DK

100% pure new wool 50a/90m

Machine washable at 30°C £3.45 from Coats Crafts stockists

www.coatscrafts.co.uk 01484 681881

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Building blocks

You can knit one of these colourful blocks in just a few hours, using leftover varn from your stash

BLOCKS

- Using varn colour of your choice and 3.75mm needles, cast on 25 sts. Work 4 rows MS as
- Row 1: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end. Row 2: K1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * to end. Repeat these 2 rows once more.
- Keening 4 sts either end in MS work natt as follows:
- Row 1: MS 4. knit 17. MS 4. Row 2: MS 4, purl 17, MS 4.
- Reneat these 2 rows 11 times more Now work across all sts in MS as before for 4 rows. Cast off in pattern. This completes one side of the block. You need to make a further 5 pieces in different shades, to complete your block.

SMILEY FACES

- Using 3.25mm needles and varn colour of your choice, cast on 55 sts. Knit 1 row
- Now work pattern as follows: Row 1: K4, sl1, k2tog, psso, *k8, sl1, k2tog, psso*,
- repeat from * to * to last 4 sts, k4. Row 2: K3. sl1. k2tog. pssq. *k6. sl1. k2tog. pssq*.
- repeat from * to * to last 3 sts. k3. Row 3: K2, sl1, k2tog, psso, *k4, sl1, K2tog, psso*, repeat from * to * to last 2 sts. k2.
- Row 4: K1, sl1, k2tori psso, *k2, sl1, k2tori psso*. reneat from * to * to last st. k1 Row 5: "SI1, k2tog, psso", repeat from * to * to
- end (5 sts). Break yam and run through remaining sts. draw up tight and secure, stitch side seam of face. With black yam, stitch a smiley face, using the photograph

as a guide. TO MAKE UP

With right sides of squares facing, lay two pieces side-byside, stitch together on the right sides of work, matching the rows as you do.



Take a blunt-ended needle and sew through the tiny bumps of the garter stitch on adjacent rows. Pull together quite firmly and the resulting seam will be almost invisible. Join the rest of the squares to form a cube shape. Before closing the final seam, either stuff or insert a ready-cut foam block. Sew smiley-faced stars to one or two sides of the block, to finish.

Baby buccaneer

Children love dressing up in lun outfits. This particular one, designed by Alison Jenkins, is great for kids' parties

Knit your baby's first fancy dress costume – they'll want to wear it all the time, not just at parties!



- 3 25mm (IIK 30/IIS 3) and dmm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles
- 2x50a balls DK varn in white (A)
- 4x50g balls DK in black (B) 1x50a ball DK varn in red (C)
- 50cm (20in) of 6mm (%in) wide elastic
- Stitch holder Tanestry
- Large safety pin
- Sewing needle
- Black sewing thread 4 white buttons
- Skull and crossbones patch
- Waist length of 2.5cm (1in) elastic for leggings Clear snap fasteners

- 0-3 months: chest 41cm (16in) 3-6 months: chest 46cm (18in)
- 6-12 months: chest 51cm (20in)
- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) square
- over st st. on 4mm needles
- Pattern is worked in st st stripes: 4 rows col B. 4 rows col A
- For standard abbreviations see page 89

Deft shaping gives this hat a swashbuckling air. With hat and leggings in black, keep a careful caunt of the stitches and raws



his pirate's seafaring ensemble, complete with skull and crossbones motif on the hat, is just what baby needs for their first fancy dress party! But it's not just for dressing up - take away the characteristic hat and the striped sweater with its colourful collar looks chic and smart. and can be worn for all sorts of daytime activities. You could also knit the pattern in black and vellow stripes to make a cute buzzy bee outfit. The tunic and leggings have a rolled edge at cuff and hem, which is a nice touch.

BACK

Using 3.25mm needles and A, cast on S3 (S9: 6S) sts. Knit 1 mw

Purl 1 row Cont in st st for 4 more rows

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1¼in),

measured from beg of rib, ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles and B, and cont in st st and stripe patt until work measures 23 (27:31) cm or 9 (10%: 12) in from beg of rib, ending with a WS row

Shoulder shaping

With RS facing, cast- off8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 mws, then 9(10:11) sts at beg of foll 2 mws. Slin rem 10 (21: 23) sts onto a stitch holder for hark nock

FRONT

Using size 3.25mm needles and A. cast on 53 (59:65) sts

Knit 1 row Purl 1 row.

Cont in st st for 4 more rows.

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1%in). measured from beg of rib, ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles and B, and cont in st st and stripe pattern until work measures 18 (22: 26) cm or 7 (8%; 10%) in from cast-on edge, ending

Dec 1 st at beg of next and at same edge of foll

81/4 (91/s: 111/s) in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS mw

Shoulder shaping

With RS facing, cast off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row, then cast off rem 9 (10:11) sts. and fasten off securely.

Right front neckline shaping

Slip 9 (11: 13) sts at centre front onto a stitch holder for front neck. Rejoin yarn, then cont on rem sts. following neckline shaping at neck edge as for left front, then cont without shaping until work measures 23 (27: 31) cm or 9 (10%: 12) in from beg of rib. ending with a RS row.

Shoulder shaping

With W5 facing, cast off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row, then cast off rem 9 (10: 11) sts. and fasten off securely.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm needles and A. cast on 33 (35: 37) sts. Knit 1 row. Purl 1 row

Cont in st st for 4 more rows. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1\lin), ending with a

With RS facing, change to 4mm needles and B. and cont in st st and stripe patt.

Sleeve shaning

Inc 1 st at both ends of next and every foll 4th row until there are 45 (49:53) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 15 (17:20) cm or 6 (6%:8) in from beg of rib, ending with a WS row

Armhole shaping

With RS facing, cast off 9 (10: 11) sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 9 sts, and fasten off securely.

SHOULDER BANDS AND COLLAR Join right shoulder seam.

BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and yam A, pick up and knit 17 (19: 21) sts evenly across the left back shoulder edge.

Work in k1. p1 rib for 2cm (%in), ending with aWS mw With RS facing, cast off all sts.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm) needles and A. pick up and knit 17 (19:21) sts evenly across the left front shoulder edge

Work in k1 n1 rib for 3 rows Ruttonhole row: Rib 2 (4: 3) sts, *yrn, k2tog, rib 3

(3:4):ren from * twice more. Cont in rib until band measures 2cm (%in), ending

with a WS row. With RS facing, cast off all sts.

COLLAR

With RS facing using 3.25mm needles and A. pick up and knit 18 sts evenly from the top of the buttonhole band and down the left neck edge. then knit 9 (11: 13) sts held on stitch holder at front neck, pick up and knit 18 sts up right front neck. and knit 19 (21: 23) sts held on stitch holder at

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3 rows, ending with a WS row. Next row: Rib 3. vm. k2tog, rib to end. Rib 3 rows

Next mur Cast off 3 sts kto last 3 sts cast off 3 ctc

Change to C and knit 1 row. With RS facing cont in st st for 18 rows. Cast off all sts, and fasten off securely.

LEGGINGS (MAKE 2 ALIKE) Using 3.25mm needles and B. cast on 33 (35: 37) sts.

Knit 1 row Port 1 may Cont in st st for 6 more rows. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (11/4in), measured from beg of rib and ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles, and cont in st st.

Leg shaping

Inc 1 stat both ends of next and every following 3rd row until you have 57 (63:67) sts, ending with aWS row

Crotch shaping Cast on 3 sts at end of next 2 rows, 63 (69: 73) sts. Cont without shaning until work measures 18 (20: 22) cm or 7 (8: 836) in from crotch

Waistband Change to 3.25mm needles, and work in k1, p1 rib for 8cm (31/4in), ending with a WS row.

Cast off all sts, and fasten off securely.

HAT FRONT BRIM

Using 3.25mm needles and B, cast on 73 (77:81) sts.

With RS facing, work in k1, p1 rib for 2 rows, With

RS facing, begin decrease as follows: Next row: Rib 34 (36: 38) sts. k2toa. k1. k2toa. rib 34 (36: 38) sts.

Next and guent alt rour rib all sts Next row: Rib 33 (35: 37) sts. k2tog. k1. k2tog.

rib 33 (35: 37) sts Cont in this way until there are 41 (45: 49) sts. * Cast on 15 (17:18) sts at beg of next row and

15 (16: 18) sts on foll row There are now 71 Cont in rib for a further 3cm (1% in), ending with

a RS row Change to 4mm needles and beg with a krow.

Cont in st st until work measures 10 (11: 12) cm or 4 (41/5: 43%) in from *, ending with a purl row.

CROWN SHAPING

With RS facing, begin crown dec as follows: Row 1:k1 *k2ton k5:ren from *to end Row 2 and every alt row: purl all sts. Row 3: k1. *k2tog, k4: rep from * to end. Row 5: k1, *k2toa, k3; rep from * to end. Row 7: k1. *k2tog, k2: rep from * to end. Row 9: k1. *k2ton k1: rep from * to end. Row 11:k1 *k2tog:ren from * to end There are now 11 (12: 13) sts remaining. Break off vam. draw it through the last sts. pull together tightly, and fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

PIRATE TOP Overlap buttonhole and button bands at the shoulder edge, and stitch ribbed sections together at shoulder, Measure 11 (12: 13) cm or 4¼ (4¾: 5¼) in down each side edge from the shoulder seam then mark with pins. Stitch armhole edge of each sleeve in position between the marked points. Join side and sleeve seams. Dam in loose ends on the reverse. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Roll collar onto RS, overlap ends and sew 2 clear snap fasteners to edges.

LEGGINGS

Using a tapestry needle and B, join crotch and inside leg seams. Fold ribbed waistband in half. and slip stitch the top edge to the reverse side of last stocking stitch row. Leave a small gap through which to insert the elastic. Cut elastic to fit around the child's waist, allowing 2.5cm (1in) extra for ioining. Thread elastic through the casing using a large safety pin. Stitch ends of elastic securely together, then slip stitch gap in the casing closed.

HAT

Using a tapestry needle and B, join the hat seam and dam in all ends neatly on the reverse. Fold up the front brim, and slip stitch to the hat, Using matching thread and needle, stitch the skull and crossbones patch to the front brim.



When working in two-colour stripes, carry varn not in use up the side, catchina it in with the first stitch of the k rows. This will keep the edge neat

and do away with lots

of ends to finish off



Piggies at play

Get started on this family of friendly piggies today! Designed by Laura Long, they're easy to knit and assemble, with minimal sewing

these piggins are far uper than the rell thing! Use your loice of dusky pink yarn to make their thorlies; the curly talls can be crocheted mply platted from the same yarn.

You'll start knitting the piggies from the rows, then work the rest of the head, move a by the rest of the body, all in the power, The piggies ears and legs we Hitted in Centrate mores and atta her only exemply later. Next to the paneers and that ensure influence information but don't wory? If the tension isn't exact it doesn't matter if the piggles end up. httle bigger or imaller han shown.

Top Typ

You can make bigger pigs using a heavier yarn and thicker needles – try chunky yarn and 5.5mm (UK 5/US 9) needles





No. of the read

1x50g ball of DX yarn per pig, in pale pink 4mm (UX 8/US 6) knitting needles 3.5mm (US 4) crochet hook (optional)

Small amount of brown yarn

Sewing needle and thread

Fabric Interfacing

18cm (7in) long and 13cm (Sin) tall

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm or 4in square, on 4mm needles

Exact tension is not important

For standard abbreviations see page 89

PIGGIES

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm knitting needles.

Row 1: [kfb] 3 times, k1.

Row 2: P. Row 3: [kfh] 6 times k1.

Row 4: K.

Row 5: K3, kfb, k4, kfb, k4. Row 6: P.

Row 7: K4, kfb, k4, kfb, k5.

Row 9: K5, kfb, k4, kfb, k6.

Row 10: P. Row 11: K6. kfb. k4. kfb. k7.

Row 12: P.
Row 13: K2 lidb k413 times kfb k3

Row 14: P. Row 14: P.

Row 15: K2, kfb, k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k6, kfb, k3. Row 16: P.

Row 17: K2, kfb, k8, kfb, k4, kfb, k8, kfb, k3.
Row 18: P.

Row 19: K2, kfb, k10, kfb, k4, kfb, k10, kfb, k3.

Row 21: K2, kfb, k12, kfb, k4, kfb, k12, kfb, k3.

Row 22: P. Row 23: K.

Row 24: P. Row 25: K2, skpo, k12, skpo, k5, k2tog, k12, k2tog k2

Row 26: P. Row 27: K2, skpo, k10, skpo, k5, k2tog, k10,

k2tog, k2. Row 28: P

Row 29: K2, skpo, k8, skpo, k5, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k2 (29 sts).

Row 31: K.

BODY

Row 33: K1 [kfb, k1] rep to end of row. (43 sts).

Row 34: P. Work 26 rows in st st

Row 61: K1 [k2tog, k1] rep to end of row. Row 62: P.

Row 63: K1 [k2tog] rep to end of row. (15 sts). Row 64: P.

Thread yam through rem 15 sts and pull together to form the pig's bottom. Leave a length of thread to sew the pig up.

EARS (MAKE 2)
Cast on 3 sts using 4mm knitting needles.

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm knitting needle Row 1: Kfb, k2. Row 2: Kfb, p3.

Row 3: Kfb, k4. Cont in this way until there are 9 sts.

Work 4 rows in st st.

Run thread through rem sts and pull up to form the base of the pigs ears.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm knitting needles. Work 14 rows in st st.

Row 15: [k2tog] rep to end of row.

Row 16: P.

Thread yam through rem sts to close up feet.

TAIL

Use 3.5mm crochet hook to make a chain, leaving approx 10cm (4in) of yam before 1st chain stitch. Work 18 chains.

Thread yam through last sts and sew through all the chain sts until you join the initial 7.5cm (3in) of yam at beg of pig's tail. These 2 yams are used to sew the tail onto the pig.

Alternatively, plait 3 ends of yam together for approx 10cm (4in) and use this as the tail. Remember to leave some yam at the end to sew the tail onto the pig.







All pink pigs are lovely, but why not Swiss darn on some darker patches to make yours more individual? For instructions on Swiss darnina, see page 35

TEMPI ATES





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BODY

Fold the piggy in half with both knit sides (right sides) together. Sew from each end of the pig (his nose and bottom), leaving a gap of approx 4cm (11/sin) in the middle. Turn the pig the right way out so that the knit sides (right sides) are now on the outside. Fill the body with toy stuffing and sew up the gap.

IEGS

Fold leas in half with knit sides together. Sew up from the feet using the saved yarn. Turn the legs the right way out so the knit sides are on the outside. Fill with toy stuffing and sew evenly and tightly to underside of the body.

Sew the ears to the head, using the shaping as a guide to position them evenly apart.

Sew the tail to the centre of the pigs bottom. Twist the tail to make it curly, and then stitch it into place.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Embroider the eyes and nose using little stitches and brown yarn. Using the templates above right, cut four iron-on interfacing-lined fabric feet pads and two ear pads. Position as shown in the photograph and sew on.





HOODED SLEEPSUIT

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3.25mm (UK 10/US 3) and 4mm (UK 8/US 6) knitting needles 3.75mm (IJK 10/IJS 3) and 4mm ILIK 8/US 6) circular needles (or

double-pointed needles) 6 (7: 8)x50q balls of DK yarn in red 4 red buttons

Stitch bolders Tapestry needle

0.3 months: chest 41cm (16in) 3-6 months: chest 46cm (18in) 6-12 months: rhest \$1cm (20in)

22 sts and 30 mws to 10cm (4in) square over st st, on 4mm needles

Abbrevia tions For standard abbreviations see page 89



You can use a circular needle to knit rows of almost-round shapes like hoods

More ideas...

Be inspired by 20 projects in Wacky Raby Knas (mp. £9.99) by Alison Jenkins, which include furry bear feet with matching mittens, and a robot suit and hat. For more information or to find stockists, visit www.ivypress.co.uk or call 01273 487440.



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Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 53 (59: 65) sts. Beg with a k row, then cont for 7 more rows

Work in k1 n1 rib for 4 rous

Buttonhole row Rits 6 sts * cast-off 2 sts rib 11 (13: 15) sts: mn from * to last 8 sts, cast-off 2 sts, rib to end.

Next row: work in k1, p1 rib, casting on 2 sts over each buttonhole

Cont in rib for 4 more rows With RS facing, change to 4mm needles, and

cont in st st until work measures 65 (69: 73) cm. or 251/2 (27: 281/2) in from beg of rib, ending with M/5 meu

Shoulder shaping With RS facing, cast-off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next

2 rows, then 9 (10: 11) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Slip rem 19 (21: 23) sts anto stitch holder for hark nerk

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Using 3,25mm needles, cast on 53 (59:65) sts. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (1%in), ending with a M/E mus Change to 4mm needles, and cont in st st until

work measures 44 (48: 52) cm or 17% (19: 20%) in from cast-on edge, ending with a W5 row. Divide for front opening With RS facing, work 24 (27: 30) sts. turn, and

cont on these sts for left front Slip rem sts onto a stitch holder for right front. Cont without shaping until work measures 49 (53: 57) cm or 191/ (21: 221/) in from cast-on

edge, ending with a RS row. Neckline shaping

With W5 facing, cast-off 2 (3:4) sts: work to end. Dec 1 statend and at same edge of next 5 (5: 5) rows

Cont without shaping until work measures 53 (57: 61) cm or 21 (221/2: 24) in) from cast-on edge, ending with a W5 row.

Shoulder shaping Cast-off 8 (9:10) sts at beg of next row work 1 row, then cast-off rem 9 (10: 11) sts, and fasten

off securely. Rejoin yarn to sts on stitch holder. Cast-off first 5 sts at centre front then cont on rom sts for right front, following neckline and shoulder shaping as before, but reversing shapings to make corresponding right front.

PATTERN (FOR SLEEVE)

Row 1:k

Row 2: p.

Row 3: k

Row 4: p.

Row 5: k Pow 6. L

These 6 rows form the pattern

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 33 (35: 37) sts. Work in k1, p1 rib for 3cm (11/4in), ending with a WS row. Change to 4mm needles, and cont in sleeve

pattern (as above), increasing as follows: Inc 1 st at both ends of next and every foll 4th row until there are 45 (49:53) etc. Cont without shaping until work measures

15 (17: 20) cm or 6 (61/x 8) in from cast-on. edge, ending with a W5 row. Armhole shaping With RS facing, cast-off 9 (10:11) sts at beg of

nevt 4 rows Cast-off rem 9 sts and fasten off

HOOD First join the shoulder seams

With R5 facing and 4mm circular needle, pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts evenly up right front neck. Knit 19 (21: 23) sts held on stitch holder for back neck, then pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts evenly down left front neck. Do not join work in mund

Next rown

Inc row: work 18 (20: 22) sts. m1 st between each of next 19 (21: 23) sts. then work to end Cont in st st until hood measures 20 (22: 25) cm or B (0-10) in then cast-off all ste and fasten off Using a tapestry needle and A join bood seam Note: This design has a rolled edge on the button flap and hood.

RAND

Using 3,25mm circular needle, pick up and knit. 12 (12: 12) sts along right front opening to neck, then 46 (52: 58) sts along right side of hood to seam, 46 (52: 58) sts to neck, and 12 (12: 12) sts along left front opening. Work in k1, p1 rlb for 3cm (11/4in), ending with

aW5 row. Next row: knit all sts.

Cont in st st for 5 more rows, then cast-off all sts in rib. and fasten off securely.

MAKING UP

Measure 11 (12: 13) cm or 4¼ (4¾: 5¼) in down each side edge from the shoulder seam, and mark with pins. Stitch the armhole edge of each sleeve in position, between marked points.

Join side and sleeve seams. Overlap bands at centre front, and sew lower edges to cast-off edge at centre front opening. Darn in loose ends on reverse. Sew 4 buttons to front, to correspond with buttonholes in the flap.

How to knit

Never knitted before? Follow our step-by-step diagrams and instructions to get started. It's much easier than you think!

CAST ON - THUMB METHOD

MAKE A SLIPKNOT

START ALL KNITTING PROJECTS WITH THIS EASY KNOT



Twist the yarn into a loop, and form a second loop of yarn to pull through the first one.



Tighten the first loop into a knot around the second. This will now be your first cast on stirch.



Make a slipknot with a long tail of 2.5cm (1in) per stitch that the pattern asks you to cast on.



Loop the tail end of the yarn around your left thumb, and slide the needle tip into this loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the needle. Push

the needle through the loop.



Slide the loop off your thumb and tighten both ends. Repeat steps 2-4 for each stitch.

CAST ON - TWO NEEDLE METHOD



With the slipknot on your left needle, insert the right needle from front to back of the loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle. Pull this through the loop.



Insert the left needle tip through the front of this new loop, dropping it off the right needle.



Repeat steps 1-3 as needed, forming new stitches from the top stitch on the

CAST OFF

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE REACHED THE END



To begin, knit only the first two stitche in the cast off row.



Push the left needle through the first stitch. Lift it over the second stitch and off the right needle.



With one stitch now on the right needle, knit another stitch and repeat step 2 until you reach the row end.



Cut the yarn leaving a 15cm (6in) tail, and pull the tall through the final cast-off stitch.

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insert the right needle into the left needle's ton stitch, from front to back. with the varn at the back.



Hold the varn around your right index finger and wrap it clockwise around the right needle.



Using the right needle, pull this new loon of yarn through the stitch on the left needle.



Ease the stitch off the left needle. keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.

PURL # A KNIT STITCH ON THE OTHER SIDE



of the left needle's top stitch, with the varn at the front.



varn anticlockwise around the top of the right needle.



Using the right peedle, pull this new loon of yarn back through the front of the stitch.



Ease the stitch off the left needle, keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.



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|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| alt | alternate | pwise | puriwise |
| approx | approximately | rem | remaining |
| beg | beginning | rep | repeat |
| cm | centimetre(s) | rev | reverse |
| cont | continue | RS | right side |
| dc | double | s2togk | po slip 2 sts tog, |
| | crochet | | k 1, pass 2 sl |
| dec | decrease | | sts over |
| foll | following/ | skpo | sl 1, k1, pass the slipped st over |
| | follows | sl | slip(ped) |
| g st | garter stitch | si1 | slip 1st from |
| in | inch(es) | 511 | the left to right |
| inc | increase | | needle |
| K | knit | sl2 | slip 2sts from |
| ktog | knit together | | the left to right |
| k2tog | knit 2sts together | | needle |
| kfb | knit into front and back of | sp | space |
| | stitch | ssk | slip, sllp, knit |
| M1 | make 1 stitch | st(s) | stitch(es) |
| MB | make bobble | st st | stocking stitch |
| MS | moss stitch | tbl | through the back |
| P | purl | | loop together |
| p2tog | purl 2sts together | tog WS | |
| p3tog | purl 3sts together | vbk | wrong side varn to the back |
| patt | pattern | | yarn to the back |
| | og work 2st | | varn forward |
| putter | together in patt | yo yrn | varn around |
| psso | pass slipped st | yııı | the needle |